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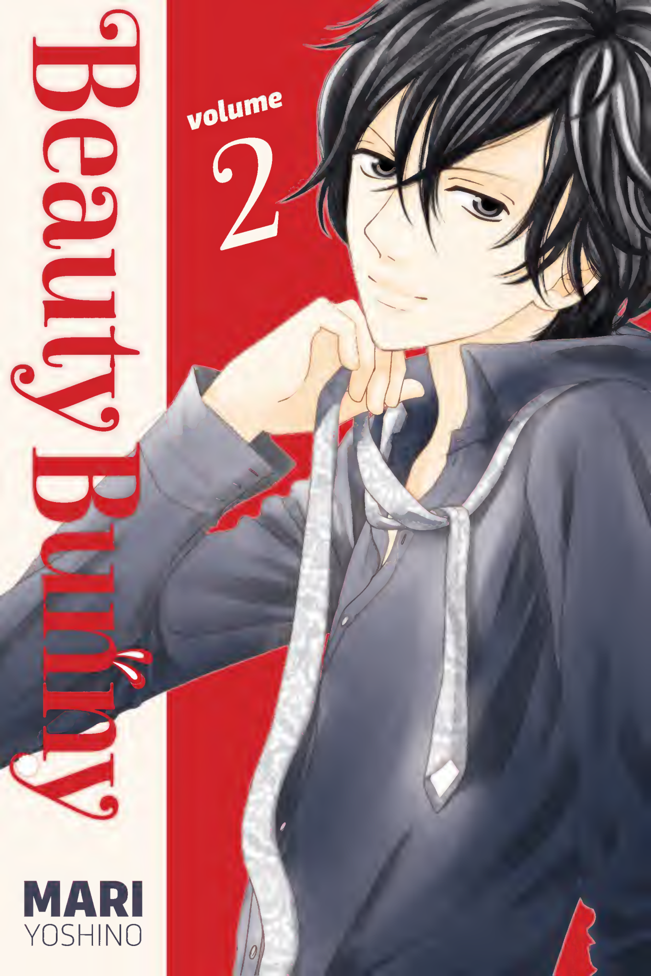

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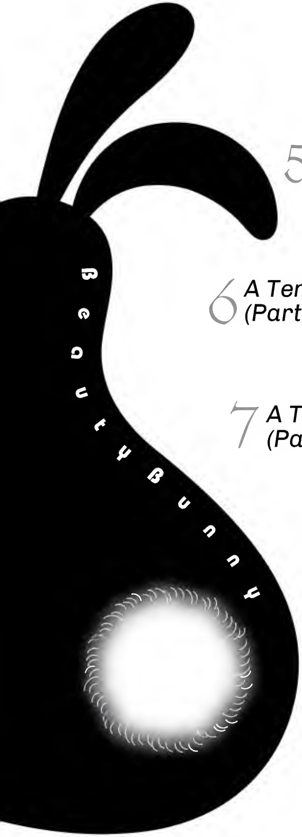

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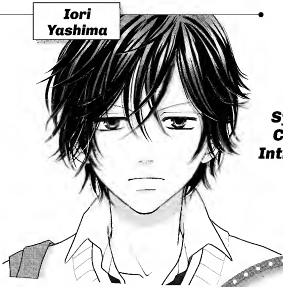
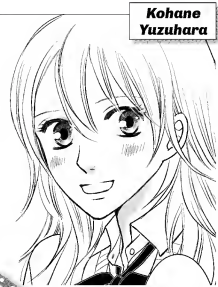


IORI IS KOHANE'S CLASSMATE. HIS FAMILY OWNS YASHIMA COSMETICS, AND HE'S A GENIUS MAKEUP ARTIST. GIRLS LOVE HIS GOOD LOOKS, BUT HE CAN BE SHARP-TONGUED AND SNOTTY. FOR SOME REASON, IT SEEMS LIKE KOHANE HAS CAUGHT HIS EYE!

Kohane Yuzuhara



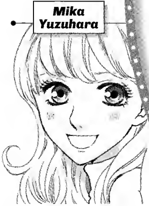
KOHANE IS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND IS IN HER SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. SHE'S A RELIABLE GIRL WHO LIVES WITH HER MOTHER. SHE DIDN'T USED TO CARE ABOUT BEAUTY, BUT DUE TO IORI'S INFLUENCE, SHE MAY BE STARTING TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN LOOKING GOOD.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD KOHANE YUZUHARA DOESN'T WEAR MAKEUP AND ISN'T INTERESTED IN SKIN CARE. SHE GETS PISSED WHEN, ON HER FIRST DAY AT HER NEW SCHOOL IN TOKYO, ONE OF THE HOTTEST BOYS IN CLASS, IORI YASHIMA, CALLS HER UGLY. BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT IORI IS A MAKEUP GENIUS, AND WHEN KOHANE SEES HOW HE CAN MAKE HER APPEARANCE TRANSFORM, SHE STARTS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN COSMETICS. THEN ONE DAY, A GANG OF GIRLS CORNERS KOHANE TO INTERROGATE HER ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN HER AND IORI, ONLY TO HAVE THE BOY HIMSELF SHOW UP AND ANNOUNCE THAT SHE'S HIS NEW "BUNNY"!

★ WHAT IS A "BUNNY"? ★

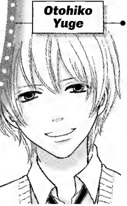
A MYSTERIOUS RULE STATES THAT A GIRL WHO HAS HER MAKEUP DONE BY IORI MUST SURRENDER HER BODY TO HIM AS PAYMENT. SUCH A GIRL IS CALLED HIS BUNNY.

Mika Yuzuhara



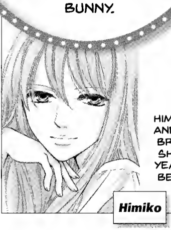
MIKA IS KOHANE'S MOM AND A HOSTESS IN THE GINZA DISTRICT OF CHUO, TOKYO. SHE'S A FREE SPIRIT WHO LIKES TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Otohiko Yuge



OTOHIKO IS KOHANE'S CLASSMATE AND IORI'S BEST FRIEND. HE'S A KIND AND GENTLEMANLY HOTTIE, AND HE'S HELPING KOHANE WITH HER STUDIES.

Himiko



HIMIKO IS A POPULAR MODEL AND IORI'S TWIN SISTER (HER BROTHER WAS BORN FIRST). SHE'S BEEN IN A COMA FOR YEARS, THOUGH, SO IORI HAS BEEN STANDING IN FOR HER.

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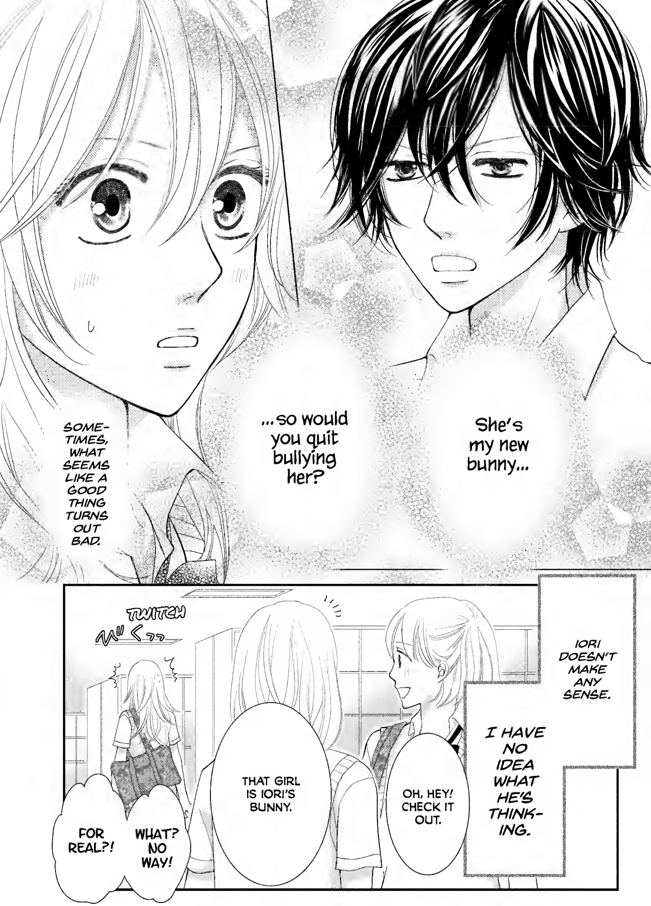
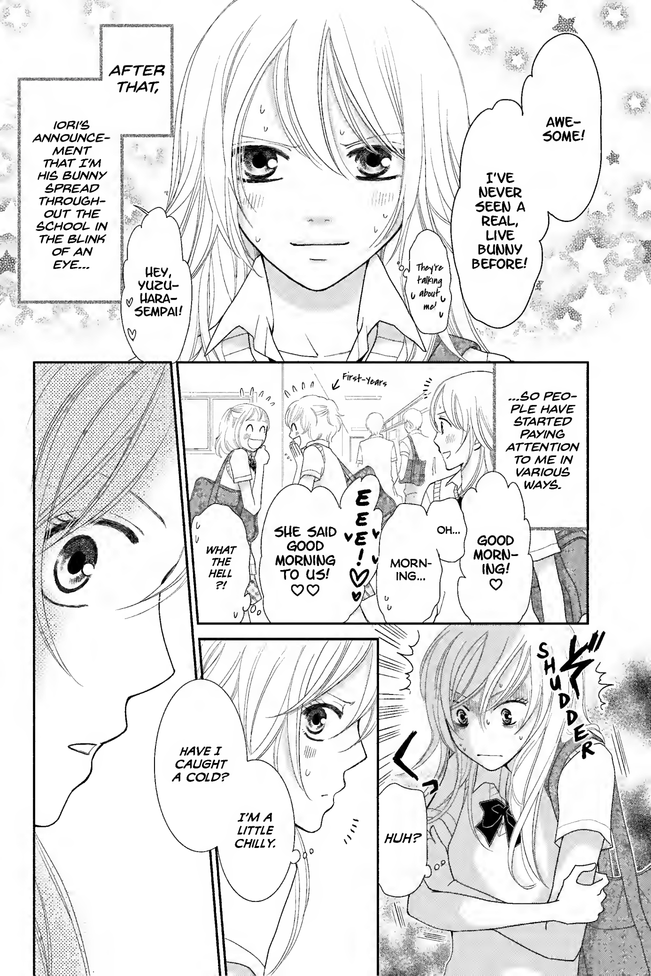
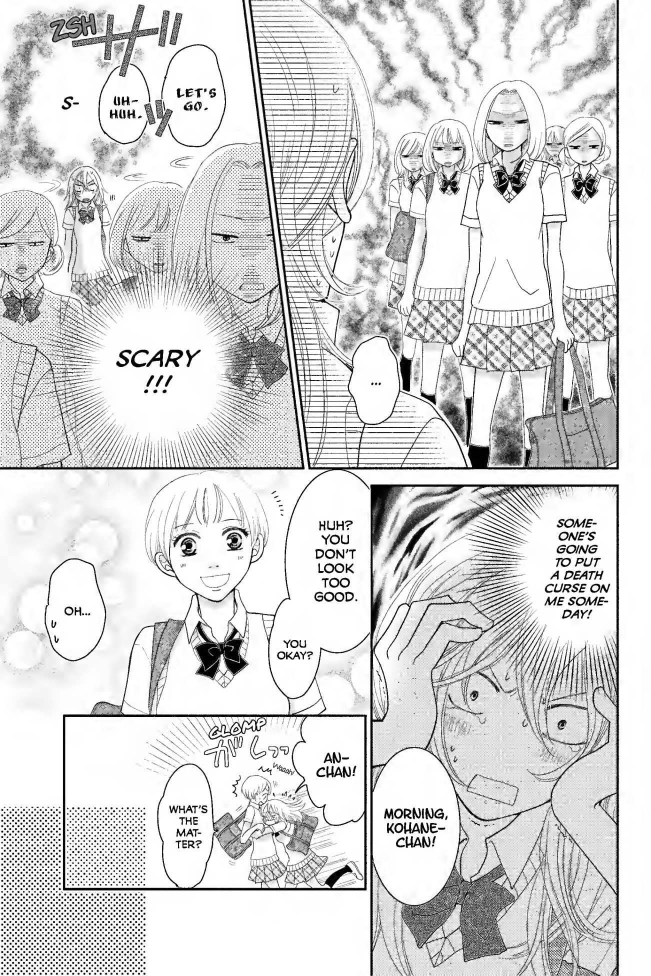
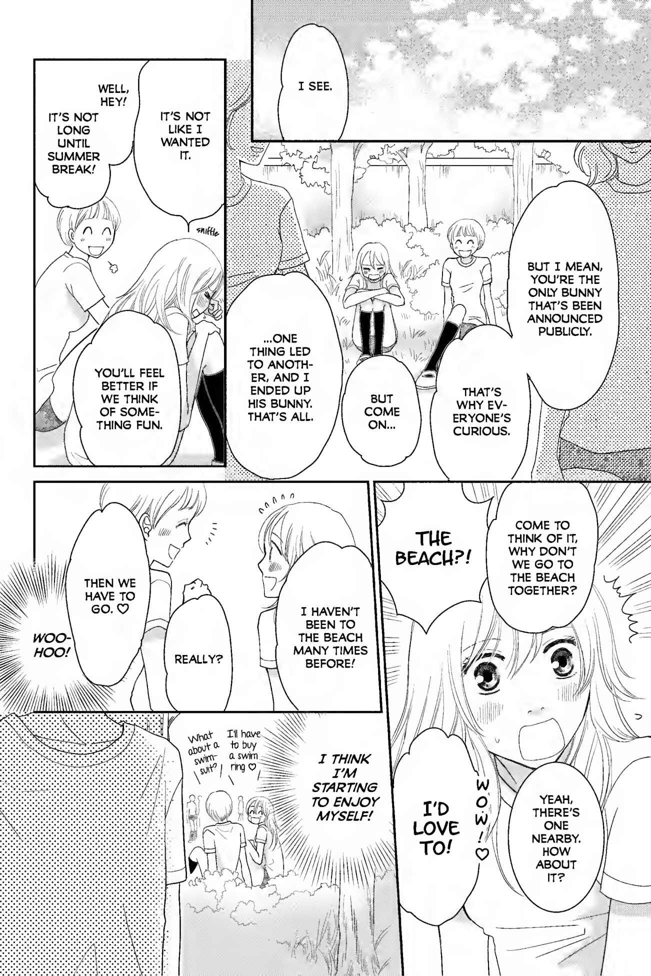
The Beat Trip I've Been Waiting For

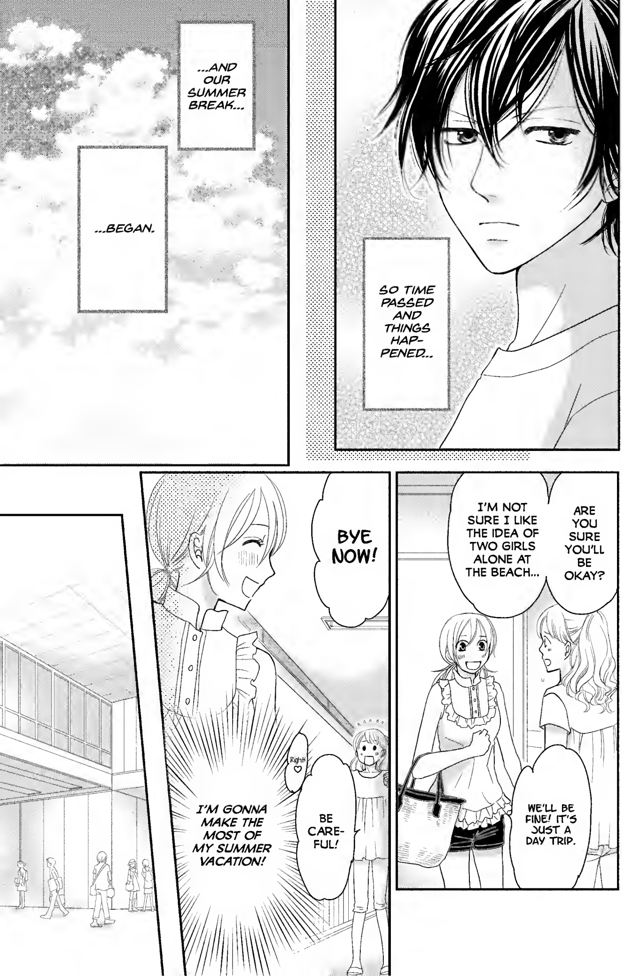
BeautyBunny

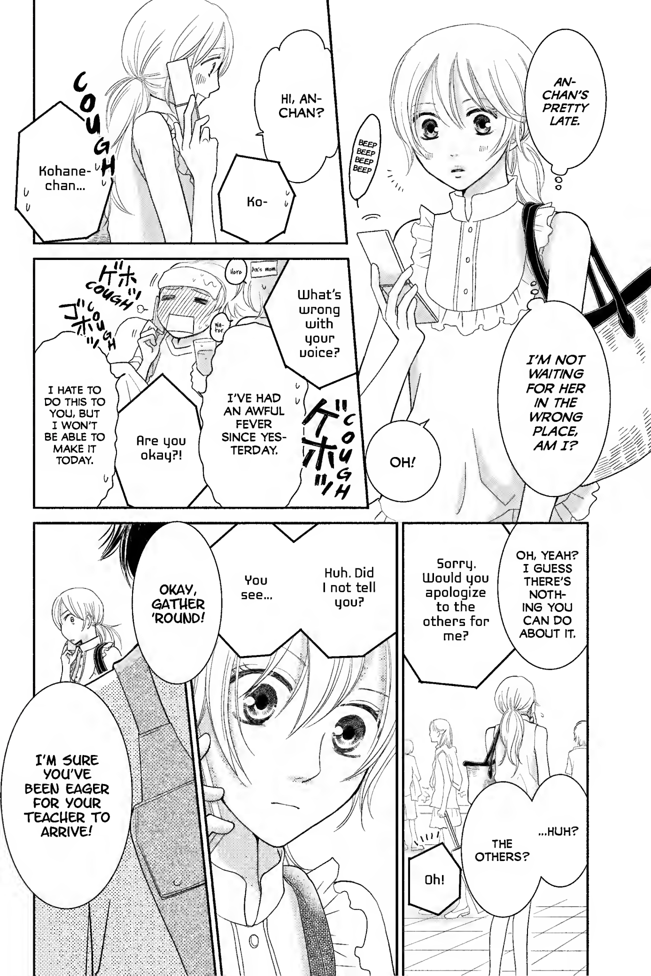

She's my new bunny...
...so would you quit bullying her?
SOMETIMES, WHAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD THING TURNS OUT BAD.
IORI DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S THINKING.
OH, HEY! CHECK IT OUT.
THAT GIRL IS IORI'S BUNNY.
TWITCH
WHAT? NO WAY!
FOR REAL?!

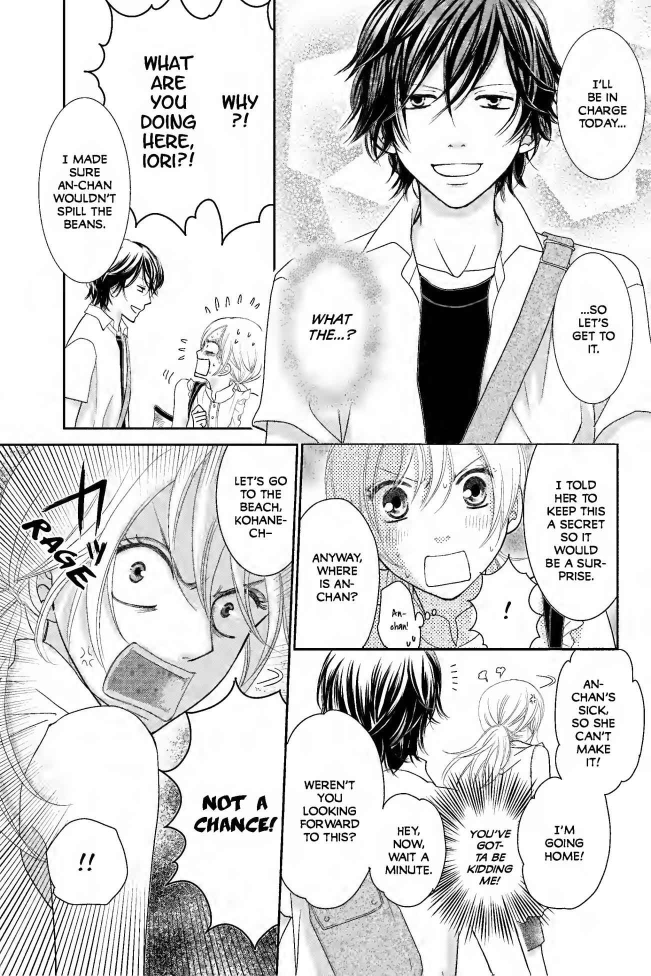

AFTER THAT,
IORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT I'M HIS BUNNY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
AWESOME!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A REAL, LIVE BUNNY BEFORE!
They're talking about me!
HEY, YUZUHARA-SEMPAI! ♡
...SO PEOPLE HAVE STARTED PAYING ATTENTION TO ME IN VARIOUS WAYS.
First-Years
GOOD MORNING! ♡
OH... MORNING...
EEE! ♡
SHE SAID GOOD MORNING TO US! ♡♡
WHAT THE HELL?!
SHUDDER
HUH?
HAVE I CAUGHT A COLD?
I'M A LITTLE CHILLY.

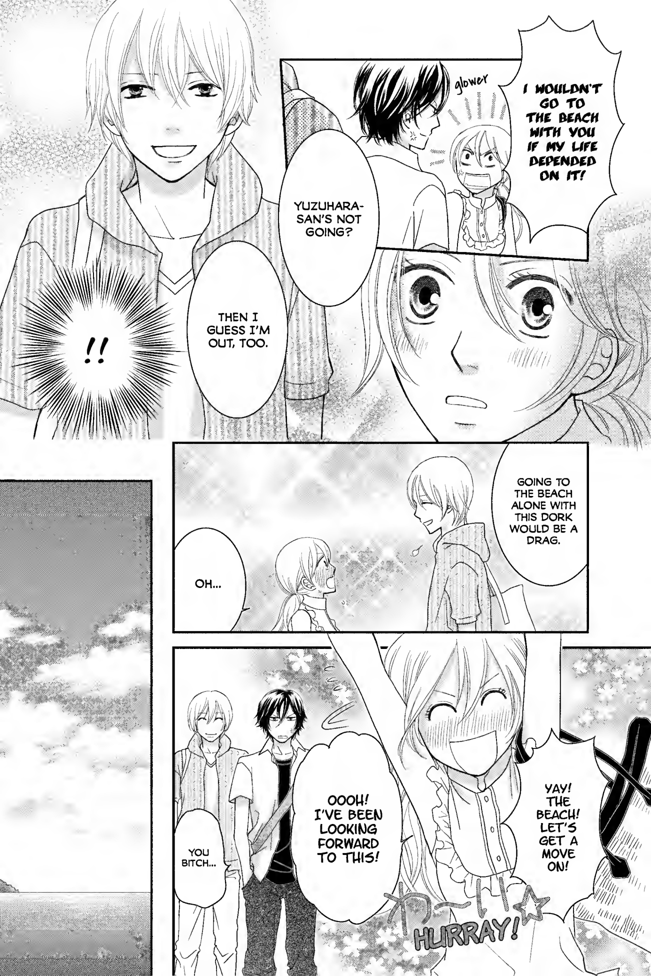

...
ZSH
LET'S GO.
UH-HUH.
S-
SCARY!!!
SOMEONE'S GOING TO PUT A DEATH CURSE ON ME SOMEDAY!
MORNING, KOHANE-CHAN!
HUH? YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD.
YOU OKAY?
OH...
AN-CHAN!
CLOMP
Waaah!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?


I SEE.
BUT I MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONLY BUNNY THAT'S BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE'S CURIOUS.
BUT COME ON...
...ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, AND I ENDED UP HIS BUNNY. THAT'S ALL.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED IT.
sniffle
WELL, HEY! IT'S NOT LONG UNTIL SUMMER BREAK!
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IF WE THINK OF SOMETHING FUN.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE BEACH TOGETHER?
THE BEACH?!
YEAH, THERE'S ONE NEARBY. HOW ABOUT IT?
WOW! ♡
I'D LOVE TO!
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE BEACH MANY TIMES BEFORE!
REALLY?
THEN WE HAVE TO GO. ♡
WOO-HOO!
I THINK I'M STARTING TO ENJOY MYSELF!
I'll have to buy a swim ring ♡
What about a swimsuit?


SO TIME PASSED AND THINGS HAPPENED...
...AND OUR SUMMER BREAK...
...BEGAN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY?
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THE IDEA OF TWO GIRLS ALONE AT THE BEACH...
WE'LL BE FINE! IT'S JUST A DAY TRIP.
BYE NOW!
Right!! ♡
BE CAREFUL!
I'M GONNA MAKE THE MOST OF MY SUMMER VACATION!


AN-CHAN'S PRETTY LATE.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
I'M NOT WAITING FOR HER IN THE WRONG PLACE, AM I?
OH!
HI, AN-CHAN?
Ko-
COUGH
Kohane-chan...
What's wrong with your voice?
ゲホッ COUGH
ゲホッ COUGH
ゴホッ COUGH
Here
An's mom
Water
I'VE HAD AN AWFUL FEVER SINCE YESTERDAY.
Are you okay?!
I HATE TO DO THIS TO YOU, BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY.
OH, YEAH? I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.
Sorry. Would you apologize to the others for me?
...HUH?
THE OTHERS?
Oh!
Huh. Did I not tell you?
You see...
OKAY, GATHER 'ROUND!
I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN EAGER FOR YOUR TEACHER TO ARRIVE!


I'LL BE IN CHARGE TODAY...
...SO LET'S GET TO IT.
WHAT THE...?
WHY?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, IORI?!
I MADE SURE AN-CHAN WOULDN'T SPILL THE BEANS.
I TOLD HER TO KEEP THIS A SECRET SO IT WOULD BE A SURPRISE.
!
An-chan!
ANYWAY, WHERE IS AN-CHAN?
AN-CHAN'S SICK, SO SHE CAN'T MAKE IT!
I'M GOING HOME!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
HEY, NOW, WAIT A MINUTE.
WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS?
LET'S GO TO THE BEACH, KOHANE-CH–
RAGE
NOT A CHANCE!
!!


glower
I WOULDN'T GO TO THE BEACH WITH YOU IF MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!
YUZUHARA-SAN'S NOT GOING?
THEN I GUESS I'M OUT, TOO.
!!
GOING TO THE BEACH ALONE WITH THIS DORK WOULD BE A DRAG.
OH...
YAY! THE BEACH! LET'S GET A MOVE ON!
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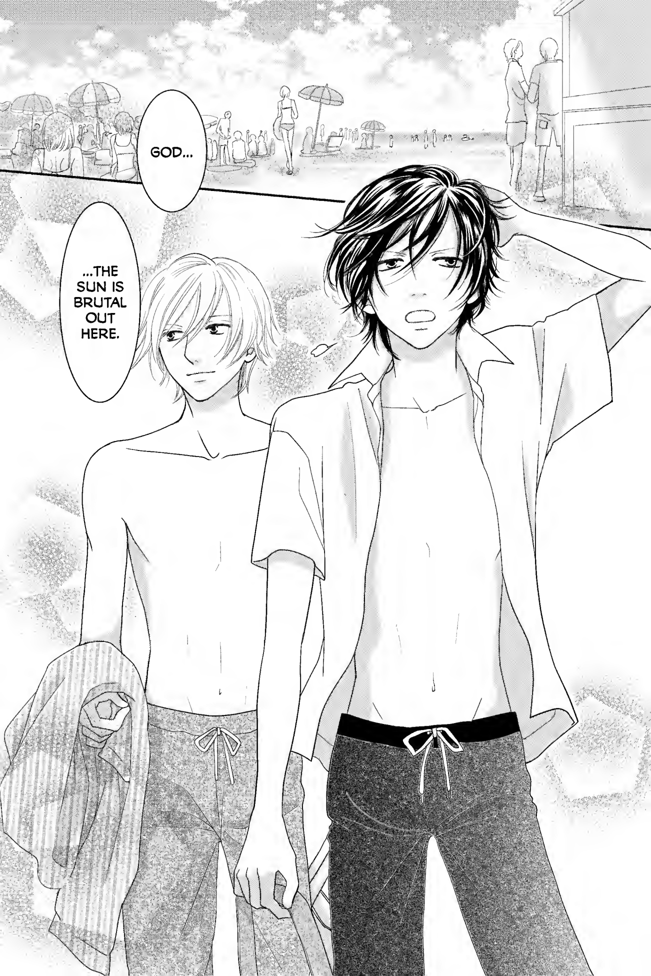
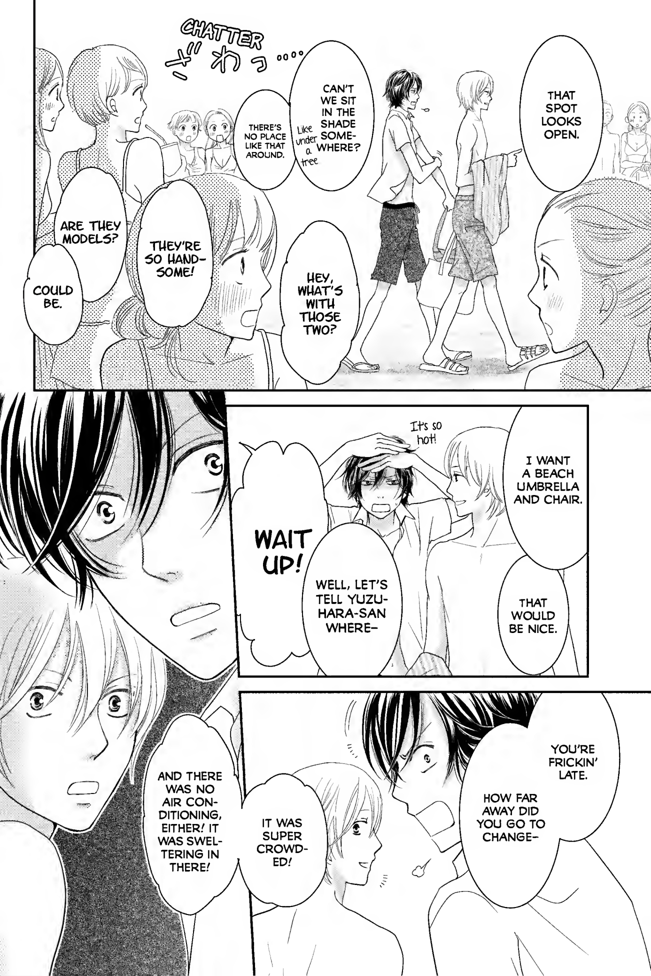
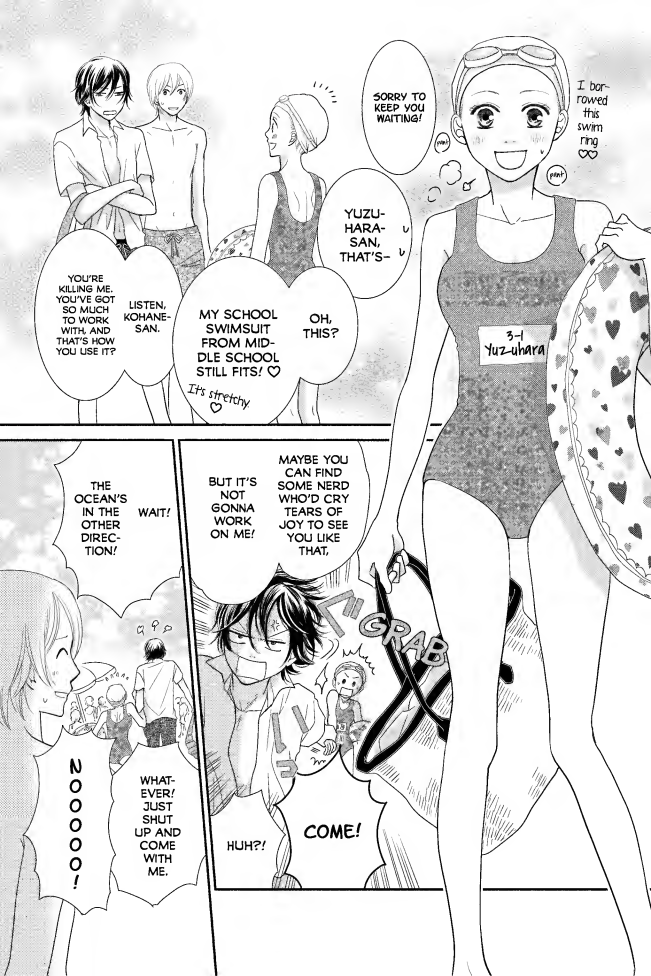
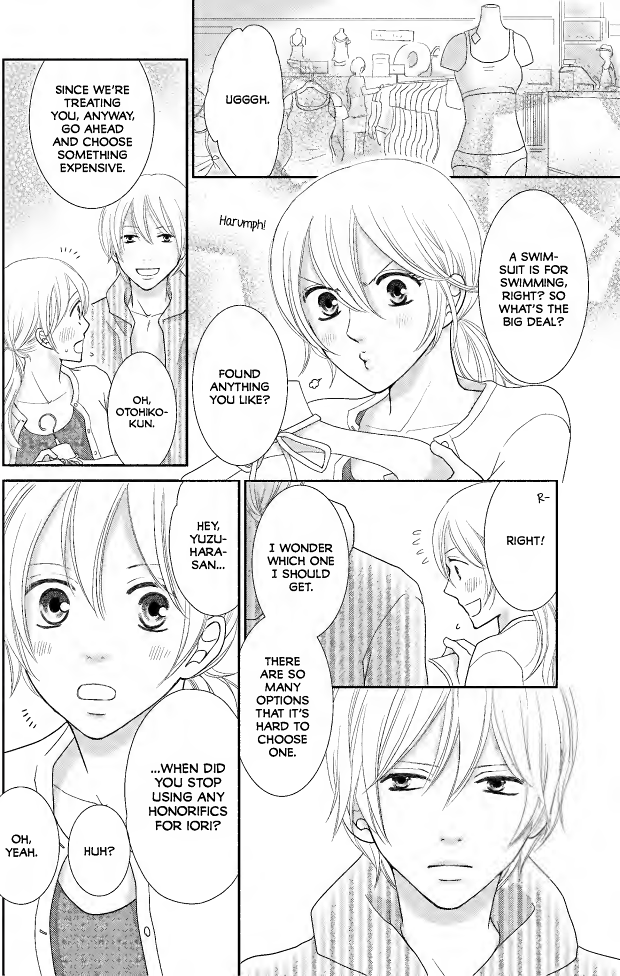
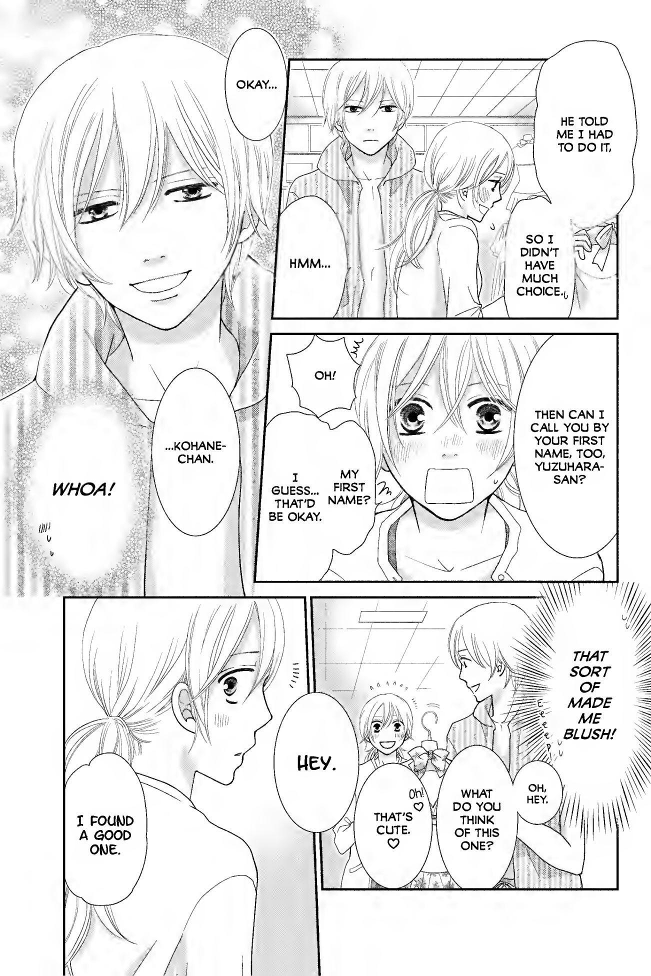
HURRAY!
OOOH! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!
YOU BITCH...

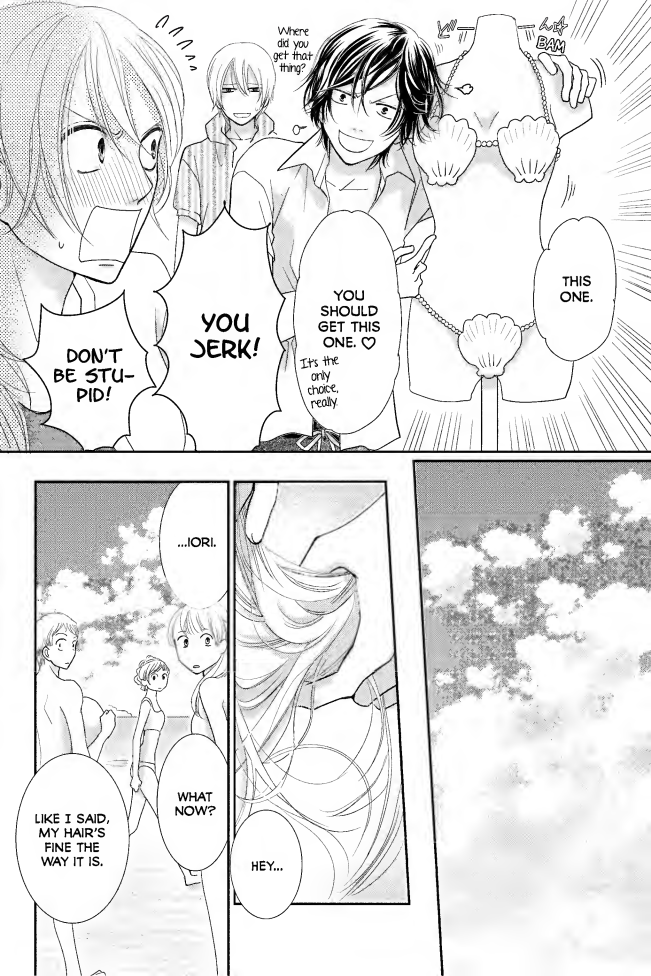

GOD...
...THE SUN IS BRUTAL OUT HERE.

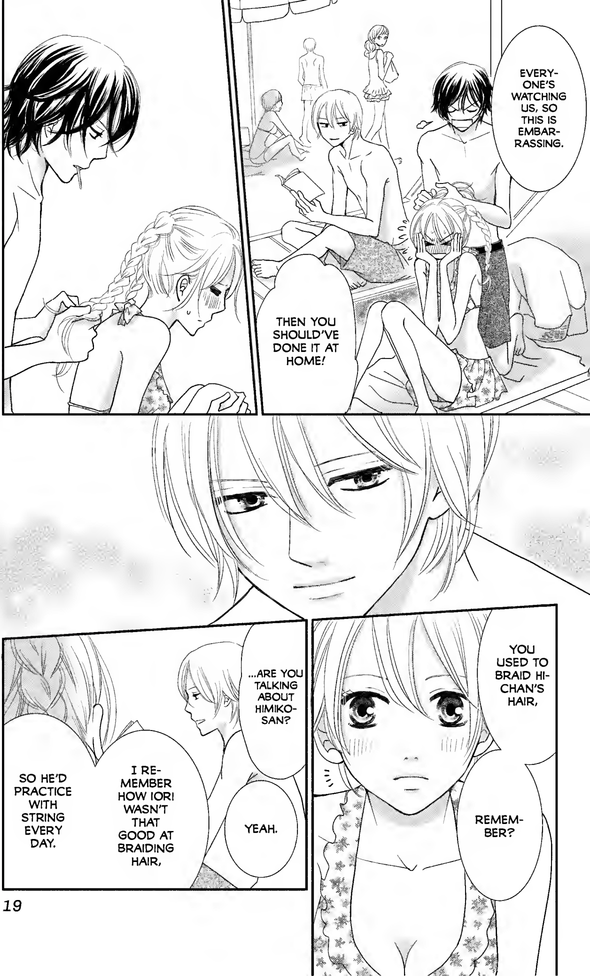

CHATTER
ざわっ
THAT SPOT LOOKS OPEN.
CAN'T WE SIT IN THE SHADE SOMEWHERE?
Like under a tree
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THAT AROUND.
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THOSE TWO?
THEY'RE SO HANDSOME!
ARE THEY MODELS?
COULD BE.
I WANT A BEACH UMBRELLA AND CHAIR.
It's so hot!
THAT WOULD BE NICE.
WELL, LET'S TELL YUZUHARA-SAN WHERE–
WAIT UP!
YOU'RE FRICKIN' LATE.
HOW FAR AWAY DID YOU GO TO CHANGE–
IT WAS SUPER CROWDED!
AND THERE WAS NO AIR CONDITIONING, EITHER! IT WAS SWELTERING IN THERE!

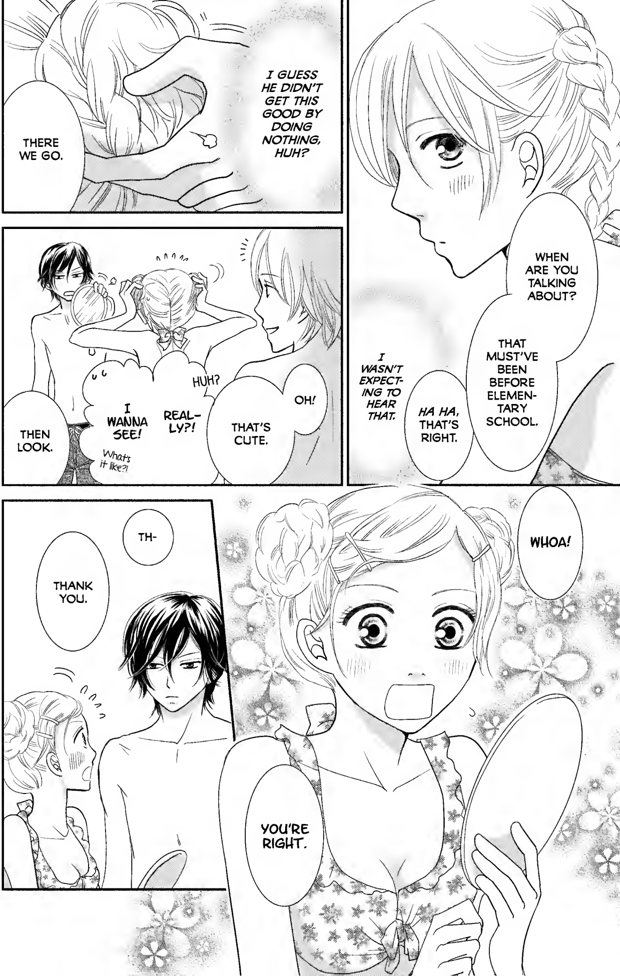

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
(pant)
(pant)
I borrowed this swim ring ♡♡
3-1 Yuzuhara
YUZUHARA-SAN, THAT'S—
OH, THIS?
MY SCHOOL SWIMSUIT FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL STILL FITS! ♡
It's stretchy ♡
LISTEN, KOHANE-SAN.
YOU'RE KILLING ME. YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH TO WORK WITH, AND THAT'S HOW YOU USE IT?
MAYBE YOU CAN FIND SOME NERD WHO'D CRY TEARS OF JOY TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT,
BUT IT'S NOT GONNA WORK ON ME!
GRAB
COME!
HUH?!
WAIT!
THE OCEAN'S IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!
WHATEVER! JUST SHUT UP AND COME WITH ME.
NOOOOOO!

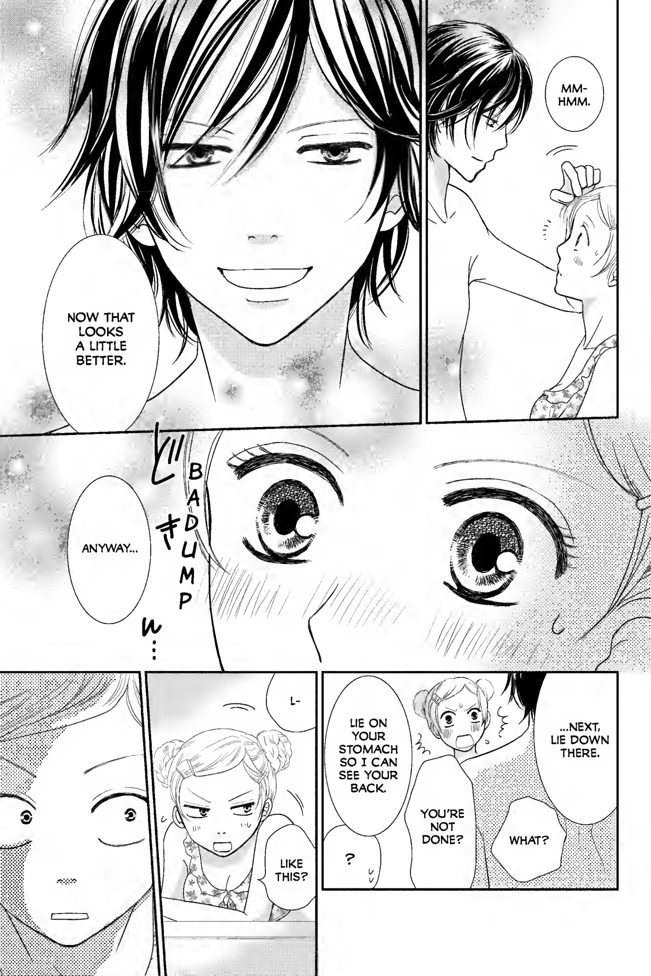

UGGGH.
Harumph!
A SWIM-SUIT IS FOR SWIMMING, RIGHT? SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
FOUND ANYTHING YOU LIKE?
OH, OTOHIKO-KUN.
SINCE WE'RE TREATING YOU, ANYWAY, GO AHEAD AND CHOOSE SOMETHING EXPENSIVE.
R-
RIGHT!
I WONDER WHICH ONE I SHOULD GET.
THERE ARE SO MANY OPTIONS THAT IT'S HARD TO CHOOSE ONE.
HEY, YUZUHARA-SAN...
...WHEN DID YOU STOP USING ANY HONORIFICS FOR IORI?
HUH?
OH, YEAH.

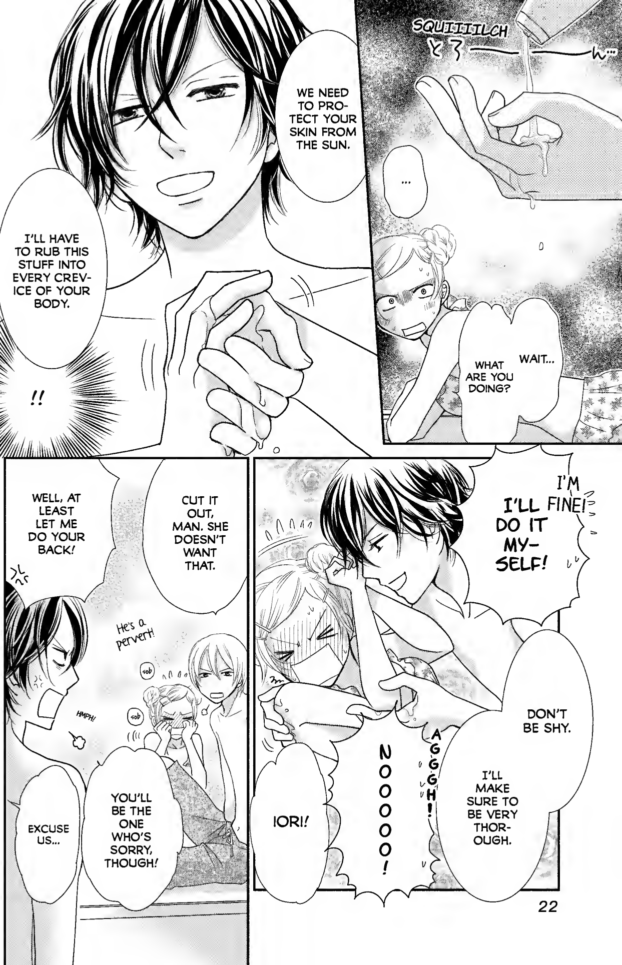

HE TOLD ME I HAD TO DO IT,
SO I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.
HMM...
THEN CAN I CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME, TOO, YUZUHARA-SAN?
OH!
MY FIRST NAME?
I GUESS... THAT'D BE OKAY.
OKAY...
...KOHANE-CHAN.
WHOA!
THAT SORT OF MADE ME BLUSH!
EEEP
OH, HEY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ONE?
Oh! ♡
THAT'S CUTE. ♡
HEY.
I FOUND A GOOD ONE.

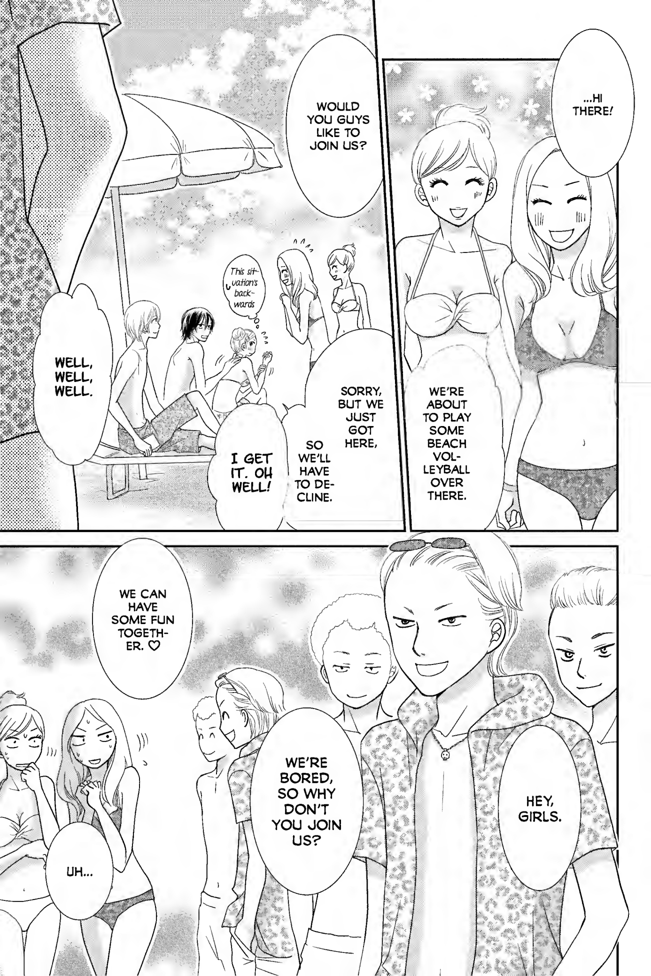

BAM
THIS ONE.
YOU SHOULD GET THIS ONE. ♡
It's the only choice, really.
Where did you get that thing?
YOU JERK!
DON'T BE STUPID!
...IORI.
HEY...
WHAT NOW?
LIKE I SAID, MY HAIR'S FINE THE WAY IT IS.

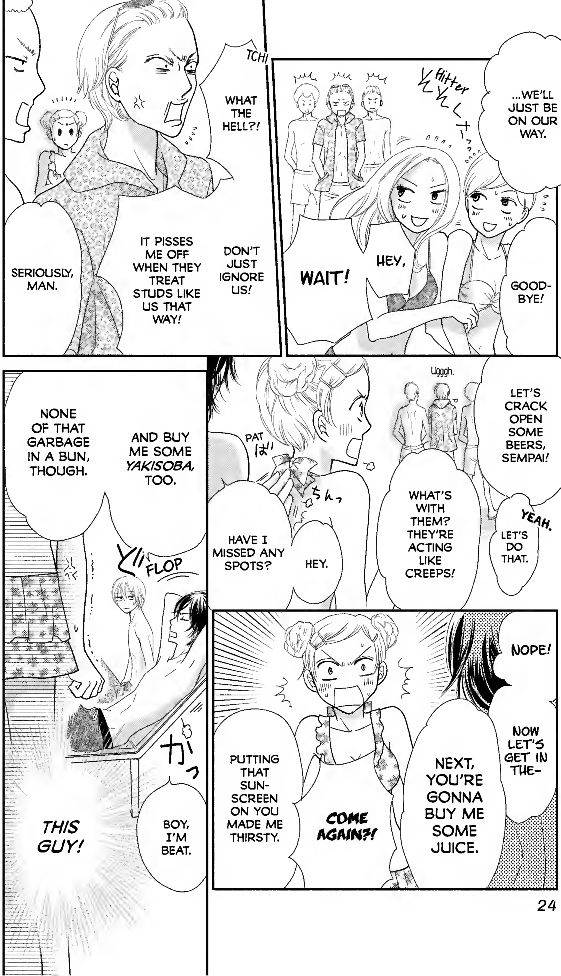

EVERYONE'S WATCHING US, SO THIS IS EMBARRASSING.
THEN YOU SHOULD'VE DONE IT AT HOME!
YOU USED TO BRAID HI-CHAN'S HAIR,
REMEMBER?
...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HIMIKO-SAN?
YEAH.
I REMEMBER HOW IORI WASN'T THAT GOOD AT BRAIDING HAIR,
SO HE'D PRACTICE WITH STRING EVERY DAY.


WHEN ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT MUST'VE BEEN BEFORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
HA HA, THAT'S RIGHT.
I WASN'T EXPECTING TO HEAR THAT.
I GUESS HE DIDN'T GET THIS GOOD BY DOING NOTHING, HUH?
THERE WE GO.
OH!
THAT'S CUTE.
HUH?
REALLY?!
I WANNA SEE!
What's it like?!
THEN LOOK.
WHOA!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
TH-
THANK YOU.


MM-HMM.
NOW THAT LOOKS A LITTLE BETTER.
どき
BADUMP
ANYWAY...
W...
...NEXT, LIE DOWN THERE.
WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT DONE?
LIE ON YOUR STOMACH SO I CAN SEE YOUR BACK.
?
L-
LIKE THIS?


SQUIIIILCH
とろ――――ん…
…
WAIT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE NEED TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM THE SUN.
I'LL HAVE TO RUB THIS STUFF INTO EVERY CREVICE OF YOUR BODY.
!!
I'M FINE!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF!
DON'T BE SHY.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO BE VERY THOROUGH.
AGGGH!
NOOOOOO!
IORI!
CUT IT OUT, MAN. SHE DOESN'T WANT THAT.
WELL, AT LEAST LET ME DO YOUR BACK!
He's a pervert!
sob
sob
HMPH!
YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'S SORRY, THOUGH!
EXCUSE US...


...HI THERE!
WE'RE ABOUT TO PLAY SOME BEACH VOLLEYBALL OVER THERE.
WOULD YOU GUYS LIKE TO JOIN US?
SORRY, BUT WE JUST GOT HERE,
SO WE'LL HAVE TO DECLINE.
I GET IT. OH WELL!
This situation's backwards
WELL, WELL, WELL.
HEY, GIRLS.
WE'RE BORED, SO WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?
WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER. ♡
UH...


...WE'LL JUST BE ON OUR WAY.
Flitter
そそくさーっ
GOOD-BYE!
HEY, WAIT!
TCHI
WHAT THE HELL?!
DON'T JUST IGNORE US!
IT PISSES ME OFF WHEN THEY TREAT STUDS LIKE US THAT WAY!
SERIOUSLY, MAN.
LET'S CRACK OPEN SOME BEERS, SEMPAI!
Ugggh.
YEAH.
LET'S DO THAT.
WHAT'S WITH THEM? THEY'RE ACTING LIKE CREEPS!
PAT
ぱ
ちんっ
HEY.
HAVE I MISSED ANY SPOTS?
NOPE!
NOW LET'S GET IN THE-
NEXT, YOU'RE GONNA BUY ME SOME JUICE.
COME AGAIN?!
PUTTING THAT SUN-SCREEN ON YOU MADE ME THIRSTY.
AND BUY ME SOME *YAKISOBA,* TOO.
NONE OF THAT GARBAGE IN A BUN, THOUGH.
FLOP
BOY, I'M BEAT.
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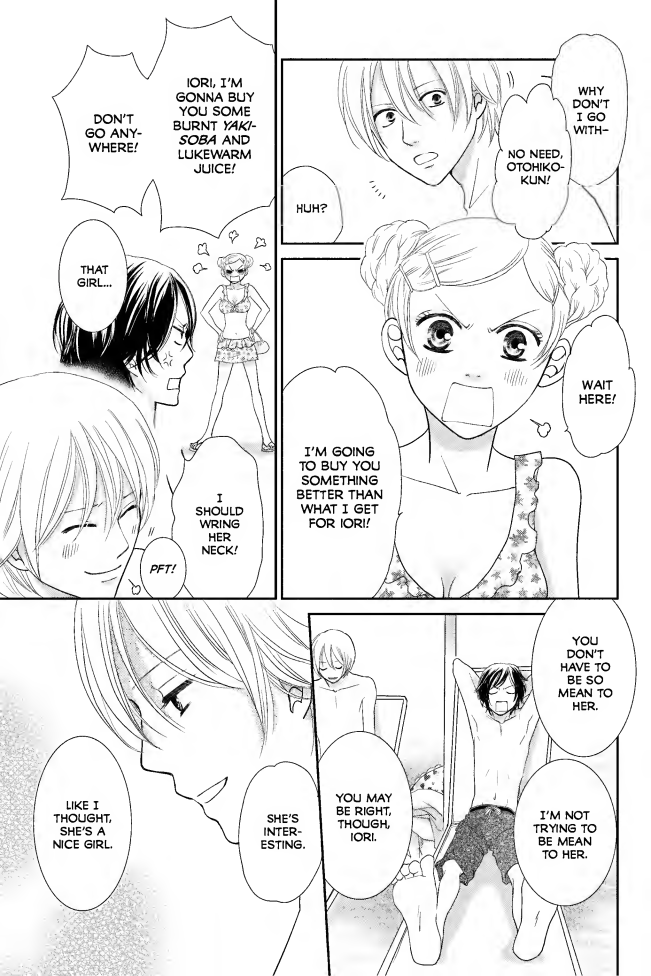
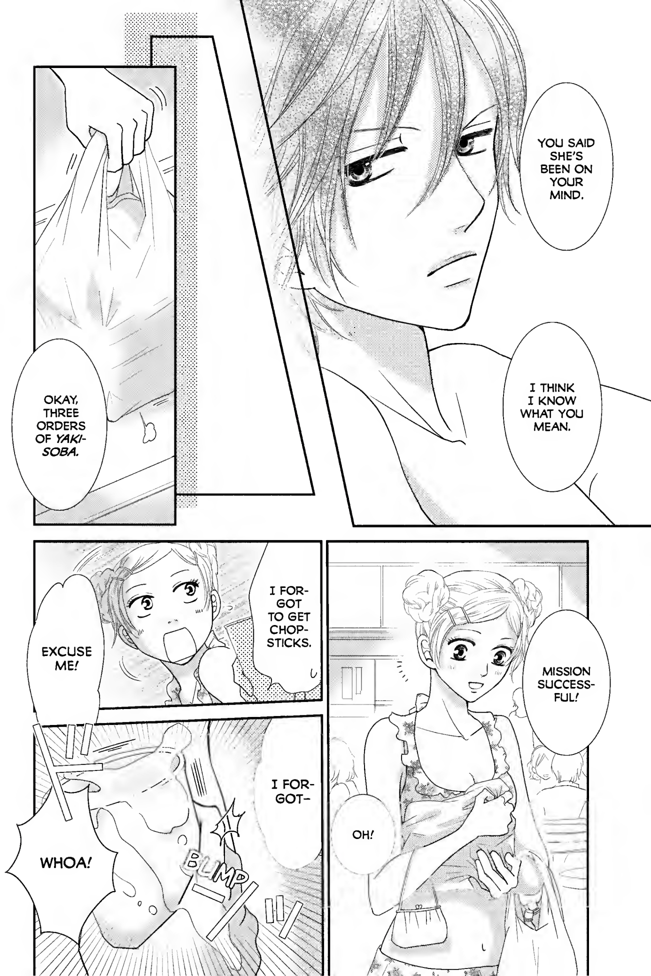
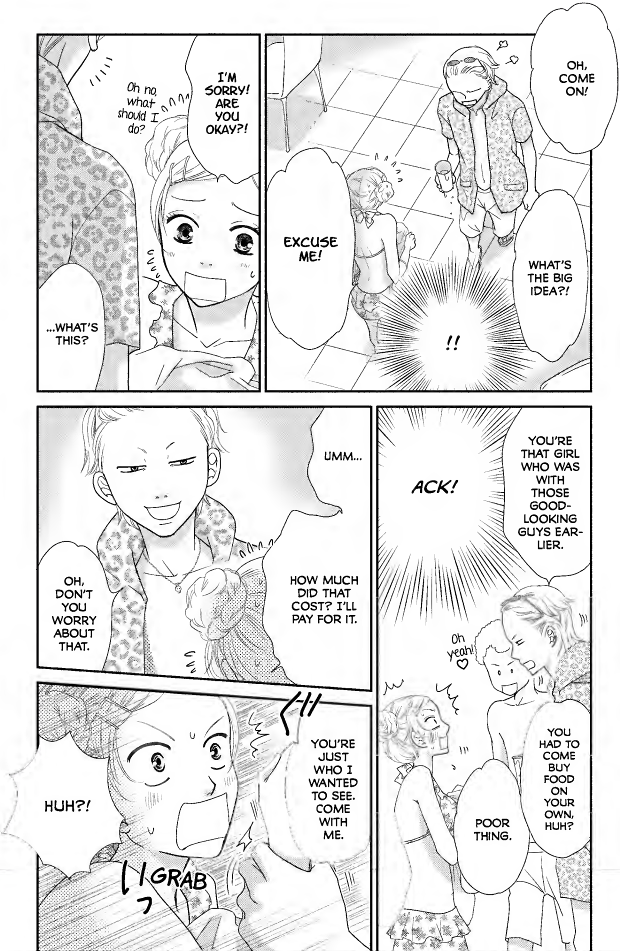
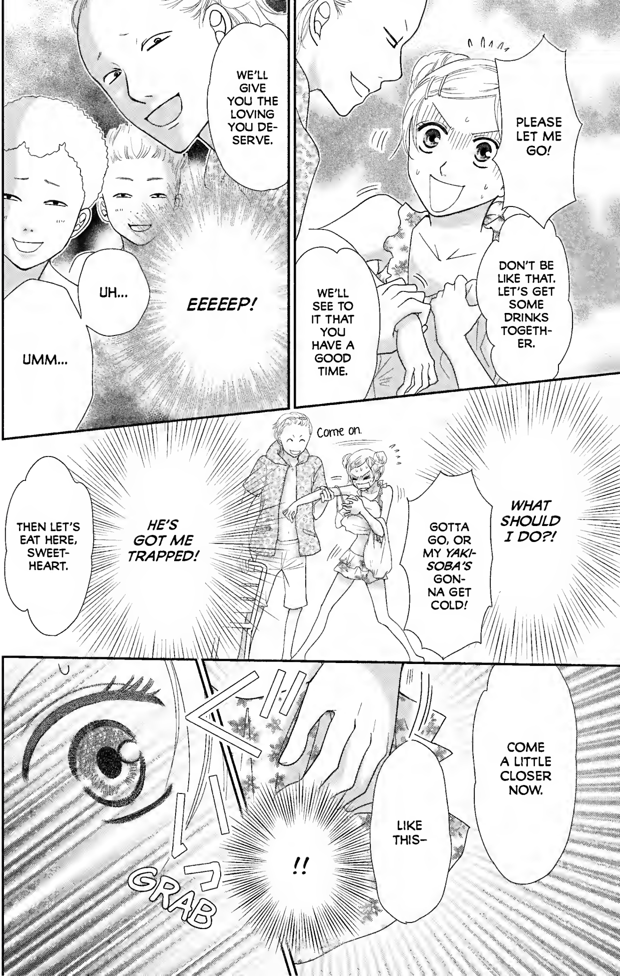
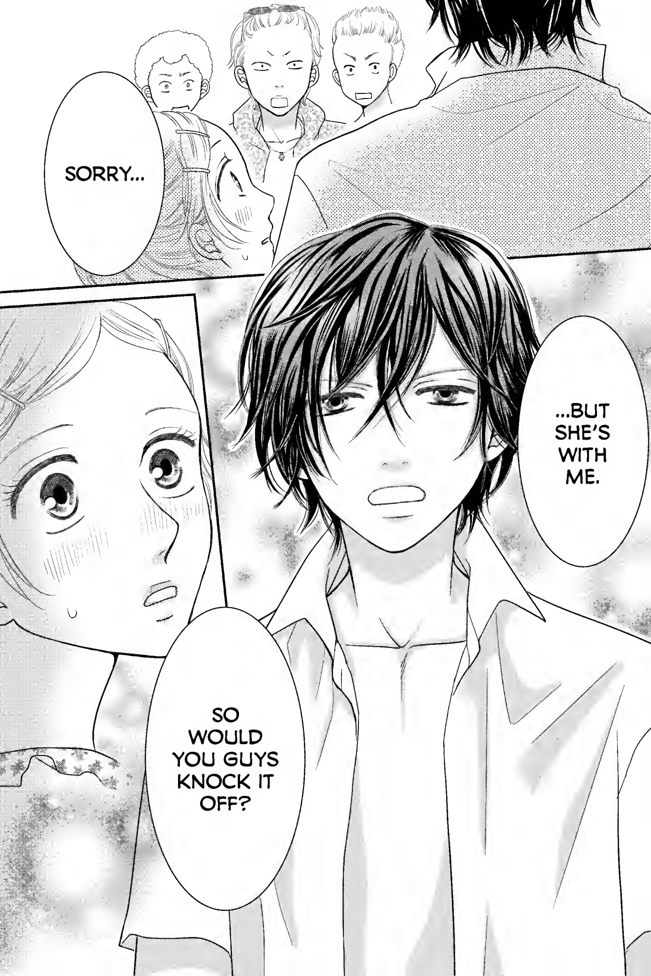
THIS GUY!

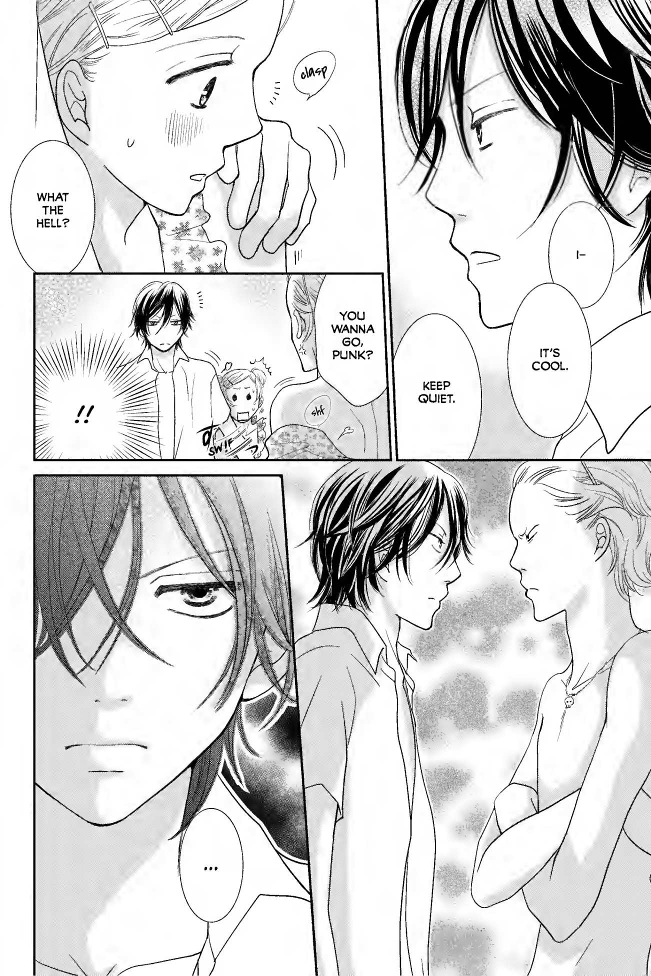

WHY DON'T I GO WITH–
NO NEED, OTOHIKO-KUN!
HUH?
WAIT HERE!
I'M GOING TO BUY YOU SOMETHING BETTER THAN WHAT I GET FOR IORI!
IORI, I'M GONNA BUY YOU SOME BURNT *YAKISOBA* AND LUKEWARM JUICE!
DON'T GO ANYWHERE!
THAT GIRL...
I SHOULD WRING HER NECK!
PFT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO MEAN TO HER.
I'M NOT TRYING TO BE MEAN TO HER.
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, THOUGH, IORI.
SHE'S INTERESTING.
LIKE I THOUGHT, SHE'S A NICE GIRL.

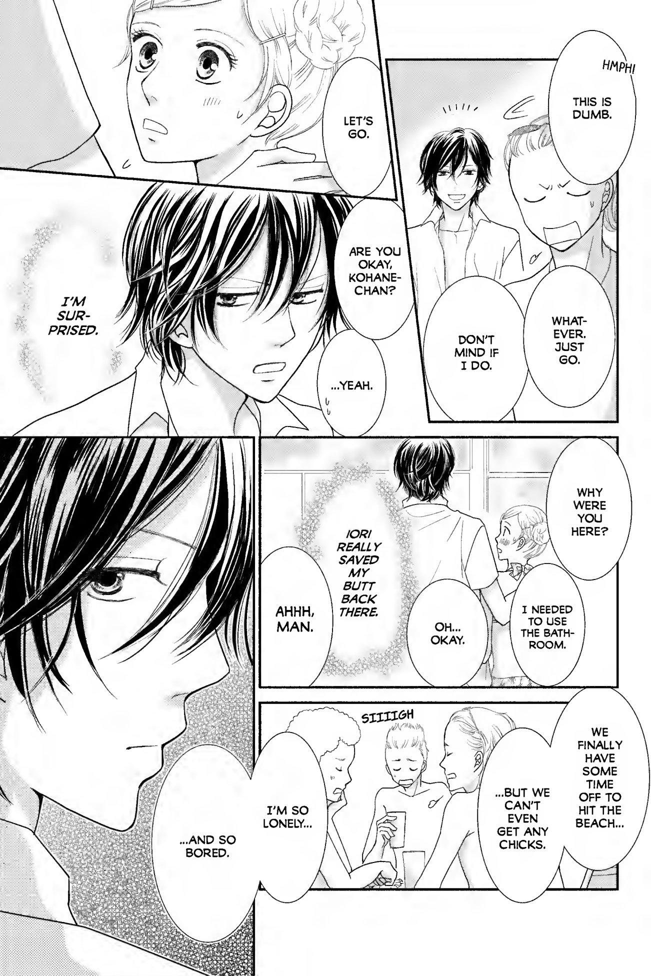

YOU SAID SHE'S BEEN ON YOUR MIND.
I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
OKAY, THREE ORDERS OF *YAKISOBA.*
MISSION SUCCESSFUL!
OH!
I FORGOT TO GET CHOPSTICKS.
EXCUSE ME!
I FORGOT-
BUMP
WHOA!

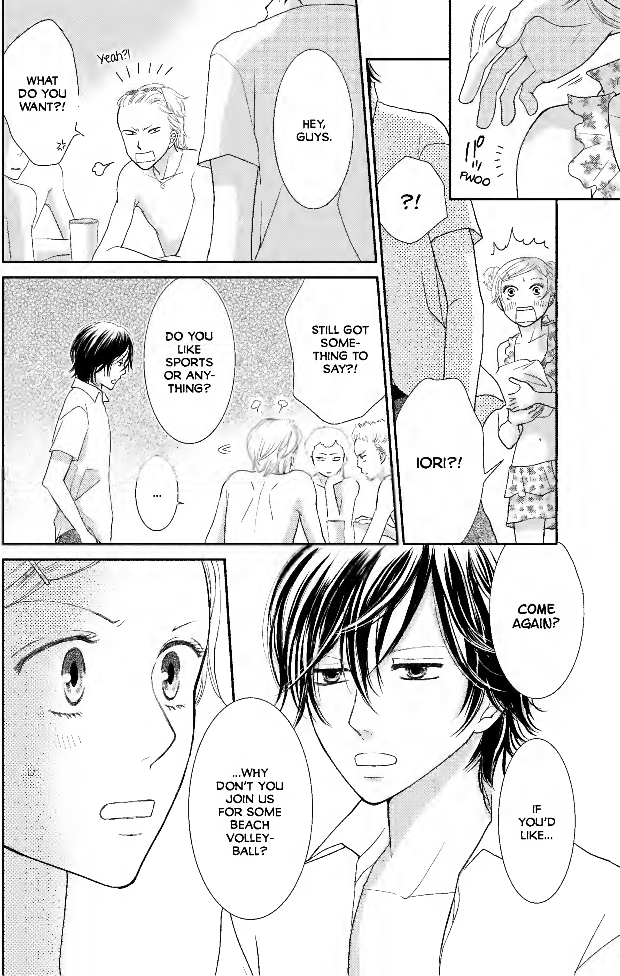

OH, COME ON!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
EXCUSE ME!
!!
I'M SORRY! ARE YOU OKAY?!
Oh no, what should I do?
...WHAT'S THIS?
ACK!
YOU'RE THAT GIRL WHO WAS WITH THOSE GOOD-LOOKING GUYS EARLIER.
YOU HAD TO COME BUY FOOD ON YOUR OWN, HUH?
Oh yeah! ♡
POOR THING.
UMM...
HOW MUCH DID THAT COST? I'LL PAY FOR IT.
OH, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT.
YOU'RE JUST WHO I WANTED TO SEE. COME WITH ME.
HUH?!
GRAB

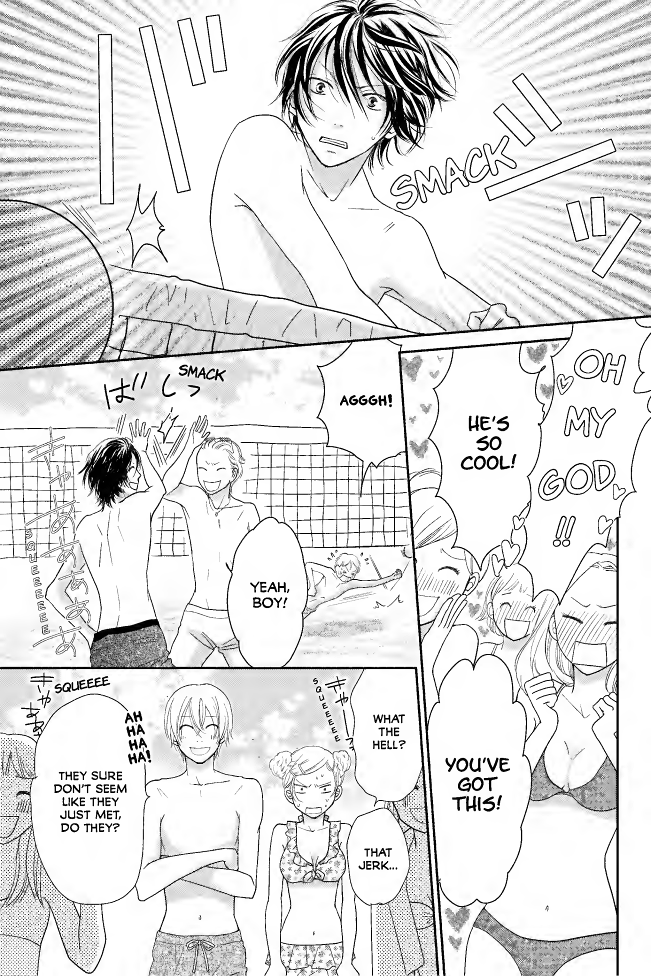

PLEASE LET ME GO!
DON'T BE LIKE THAT. LET'S GET SOME DRINKS TOGETHER.
WE'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME.
WE'LL GIVE YOU THE LOVING YOU DESERVE.
EEEEEP!
UH...
UMM...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
GOTTA GO, OR MY *YAKISOBA'S* GONNA GET COLD!
Come on.
HE'S GOT ME TRAPPED!
THEN LET'S EAT HERE, SWEETHEART.
COME A LITTLE CLOSER NOW.
LIKE THIS–
!!
GRAB

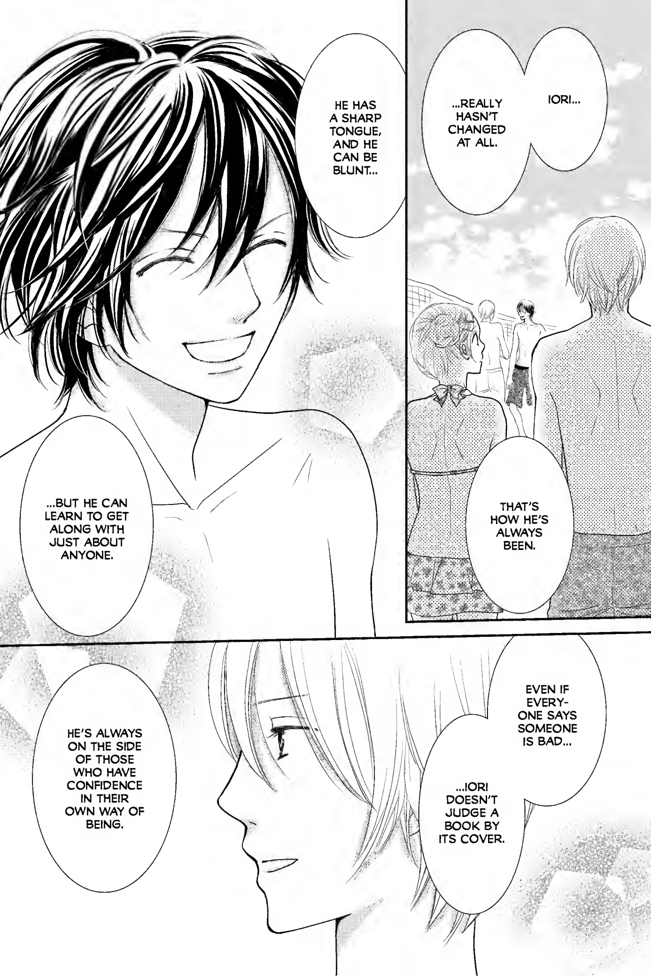

SORRY...
...BUT SHE'S WITH ME.
SO WOULD YOU GUYS KNOCK IT OFF?

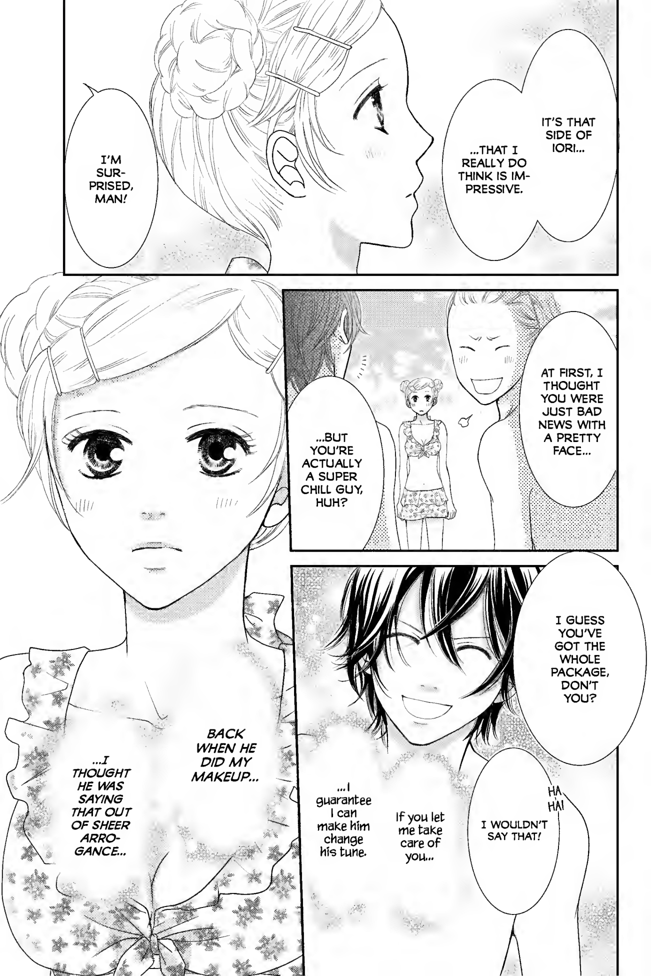

I–
IT'S COOL.
KEEP QUIET.
clasp
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU WANNA GO, PUNK?
shf
SW!F
!!
...

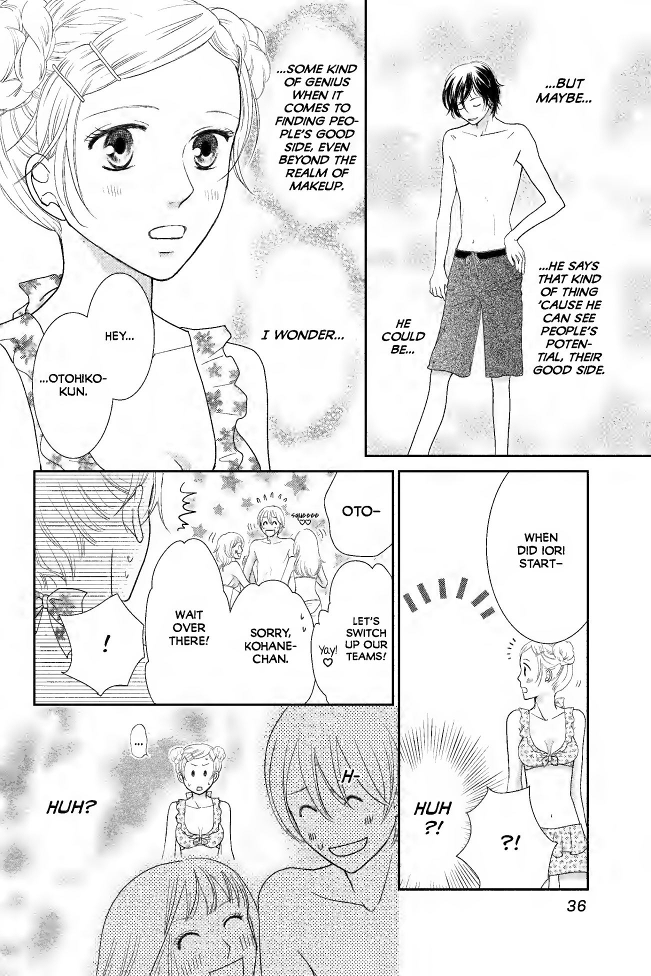

HMPH!
THIS IS DUMB.
WHAT-EVER. JUST GO.
DON'T MIND IF I DO.
LET'S GO.
ARE YOU OKAY, KOHANE-CHAN?
...YEAH.
I'M SURPRISED.
WHY WERE YOU HERE?
I NEEDED TO USE THE BATHROOM.
OH... OKAY.
IORI REALLY SAVED MY BUTT BACK THERE.
AHHH, MAN.
WE FINALLY HAVE SOME TIME OFF TO HIT THE BEACH...
...BUT WE CAN'T EVEN GET ANY CHICKS.
SIIIIGH
I'M SO LONELY...
...AND SO BORED.

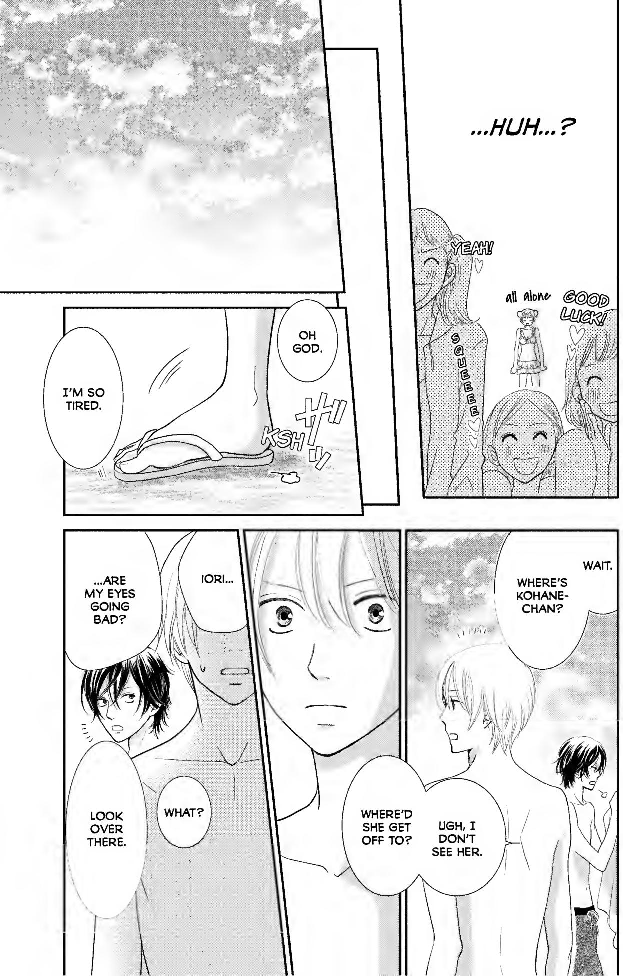

FWOO
?!
IORI?!
HEY, GUYS.
Yeah?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
STILL GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?!
DO YOU LIKE SPORTS OR ANYTHING?
...
COME AGAIN?
IF YOU'D LIKE...
...WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US FOR SOME BEACH VOLLEYBALL?

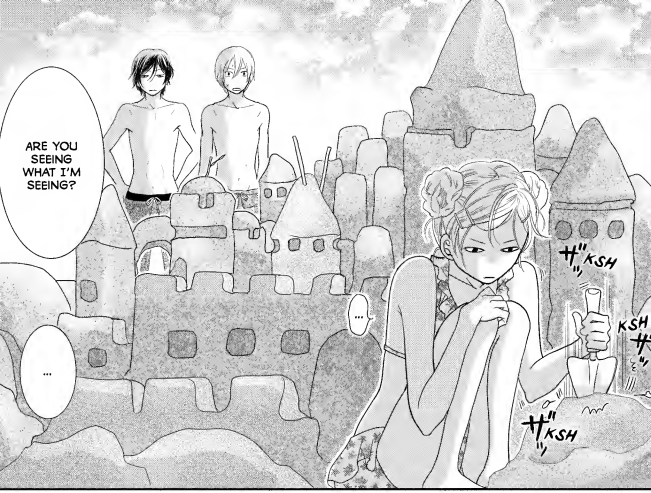

SMACK
OH MY GOD!!
HE'S SO COOL!
YOU'VE GOT THIS!
AGGGH!
ばしっ
SMACK
YEAH, BOY!
キャあああああ
SQUEEEEEEE
キャー
SQUEEEEE
WHAT THE HELL?
THAT JERK...
AH HA HA HA!
THEY SURE DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY JUST MET, DO THEY?
キャ
SQUEEEE

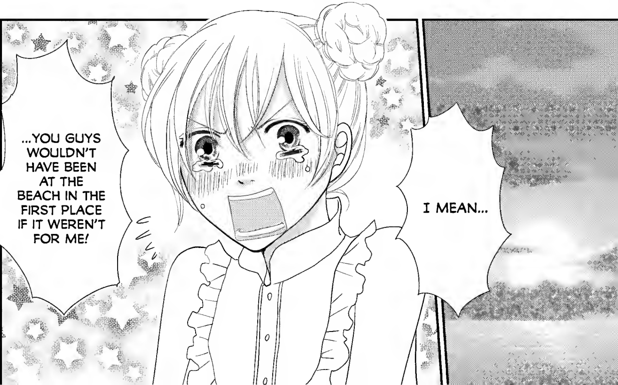

IORI...
...REALLY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
THAT'S HOW HE'S ALWAYS BEEN.
HE HAS A SHARP TONGUE, AND HE CAN BE BLUNT...
...BUT HE CAN LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH JUST ABOUT ANYONE.
EVEN IF EVERYONE SAYS SOMEONE IS BAD...
...IORI DOESN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
HE'S ALWAYS ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN WAY OF BEING.

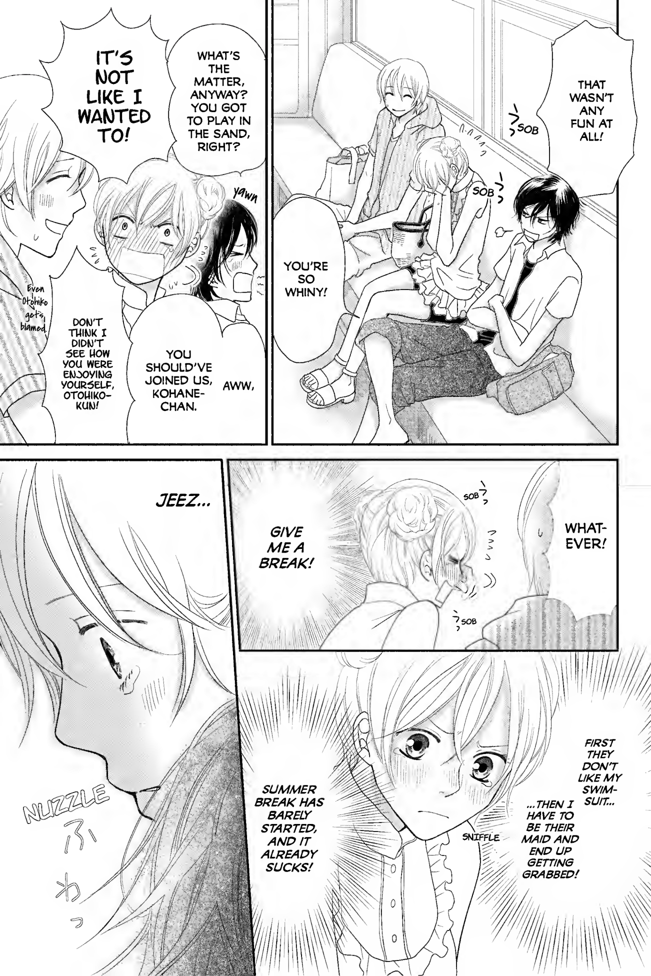

IT'S THAT SIDE OF IORI...
...THAT I REALLY DO THINK IS IMPRESSIVE.
I'M SURPRISED, MAN!
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST BAD NEWS WITH A PRETTY FACE...
...BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A SUPER CHILL GUY, HUH?
I GUESS YOU'VE GOT THE WHOLE PACKAGE, DON'T YOU?
HA HA!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT!
If you let me take care of you...
...I guarantee I can make him change his tune.
BACK WHEN HE DID MY MAKEUP...
...I THOUGHT HE WAS SAYING THAT OUT OF SHEER ARROGANCE...

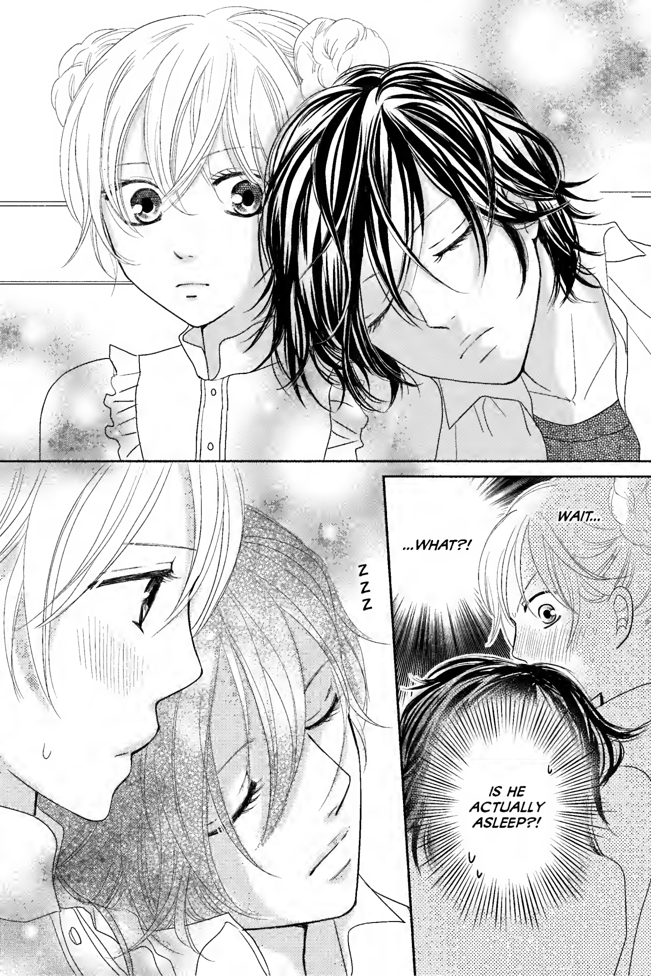

...BUT MAYBE...
...HE SAYS THAT KIND OF THING 'CAUSE HE CAN SEE PEOPLE'S POTENTIAL, THEIR GOOD SIDE.
HE COULD BE...
...SOME KIND OF GENIUS WHEN IT COMES TO FINDING PEOPLE'S GOOD SIDE, EVEN BEYOND THE REALM OF MAKEUP.
I WONDER...
HEY... ...OTOHIKO-KUN.
WHEN DID IORI START–
OTO–
squeeee ♡♡
LET'S SWITCH UP OUR TEAMS!
Yay! ♡
SORRY, KOHANE-CHAN.
WAIT OVER THERE!
!
HUH ?!
?!
H-
...
HUH?

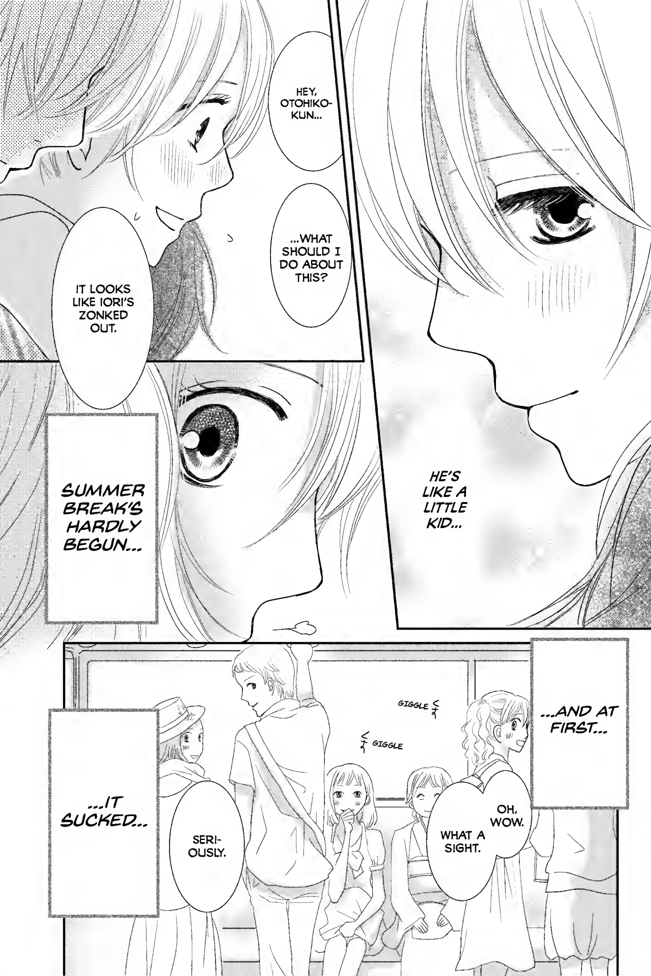

...HUH...?
YEAH!
GOOD LUCK!
all alone
SQUEEEE
OH GOD.
I'M SO TIRED.
KSH
WAIT.
WHERE'S KOHANE-CHAN?
WHERE'D SHE GET OFF TO?
UGH, I DON'T SEE HER.
IORI...
...ARE MY EYES GOING BAD?
WHAT?
LOOK OVER THERE.

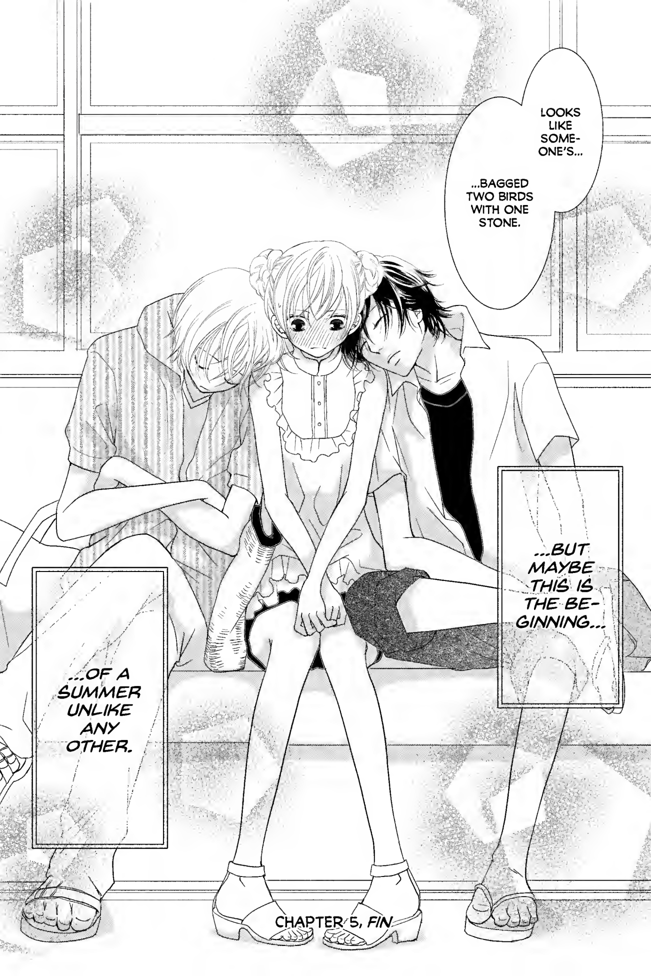

ザKSH
KSH ザ
ザKSH
...
ARE YOU SEEING WHAT I'M SEEING?
...


I MEAN...
...YOU GUYS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AT THE BEACH IN THE FIRST PLACE IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME!


THAT WASN'T ANY FUN AT ALL!
SOB
SOB
YOU'RE SO WHINY!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ANYWAY? YOU GOT TO PLAY IN THE SAND, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO!
yawn
AWW, YOU SHOULD'VE JOINED US, KOHANE-CHAN.
DON'T THINK I DIDN'T SEE HOW YOU WERE ENJOYING YOURSELF, OTOHIKO-KUN!
Even Otohiko gets blamed
WHAT-EVER!
SOB
GIVE ME A BREAK!
SOB
FIRST THEY DON'T LIKE MY SWIM-SUIT...
...THEN I HAVE TO BE THEIR MAID AND END UP GETTING GRABBED!
SNIFFLE
SUMMER BREAK HAS BARELY STARTED, AND IT ALREADY SUCKS!
JEEZ...
NUZZLE
ふわっ

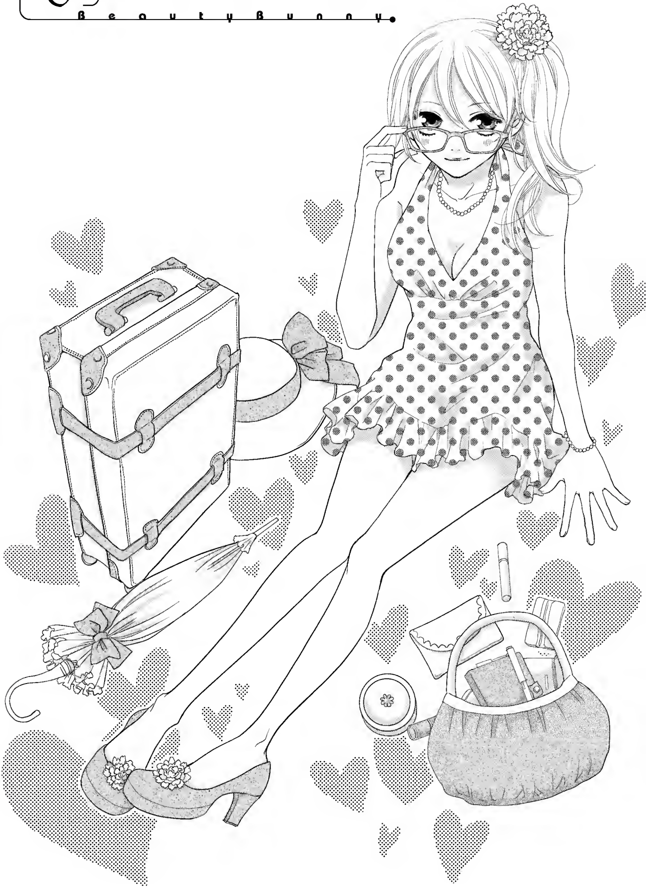

WAIT...
...WHAT?!
IS HE ACTUALLY ASLEEP?!
Z Z Z

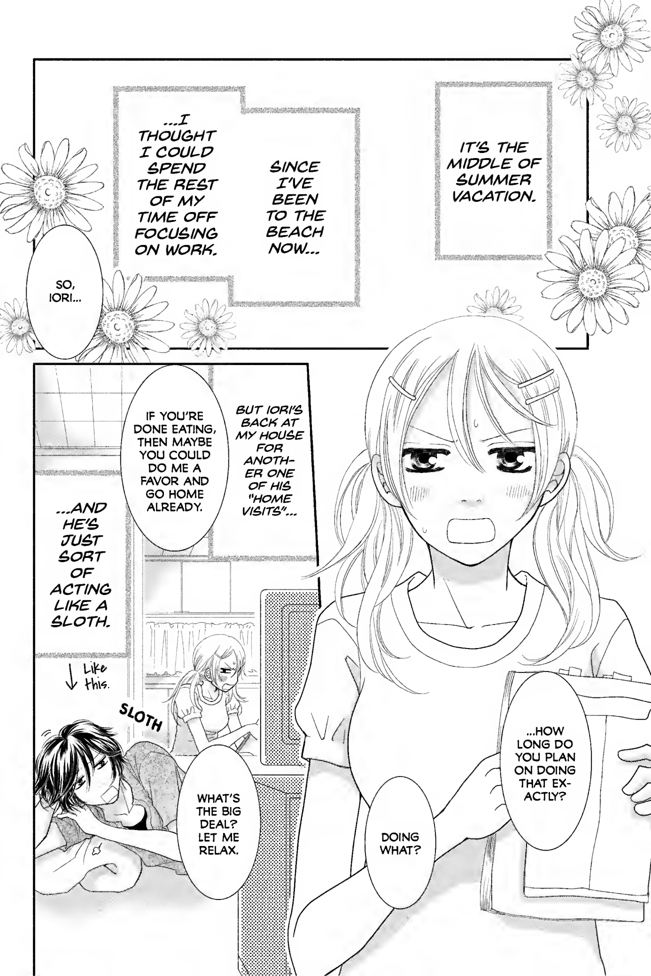

HEY, OTOHIKO-KUN...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS?
IT LOOKS LIKE IORI'S ZONKED OUT.
HE'S LIKE A LITTLE KID...
SUMMER BREAK'S HARDLY BEGUN...
...AND AT FIRST...
OH, WOW. WHAT A SIGHT.
GIGGLE くす
くす GIGGLE
SERIOUSLY.
...IT SUCKED...

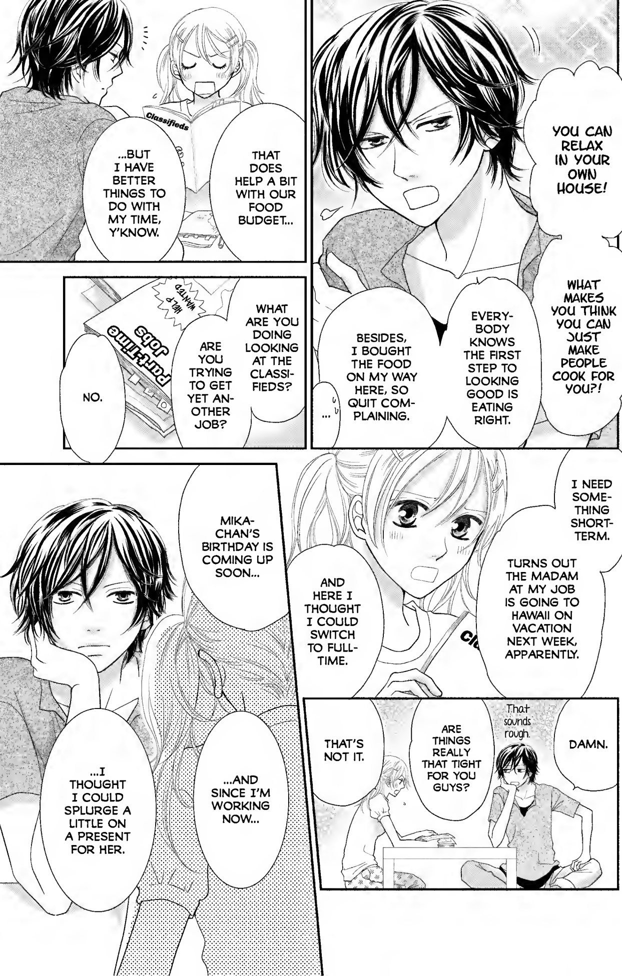

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S...
...BAGGED TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
...BUT MAYBE THIS IS THE BEGINNING...
...OF A SUMMER UNLIKE ANY OTHER.
CHAPTER 5, *FIN*

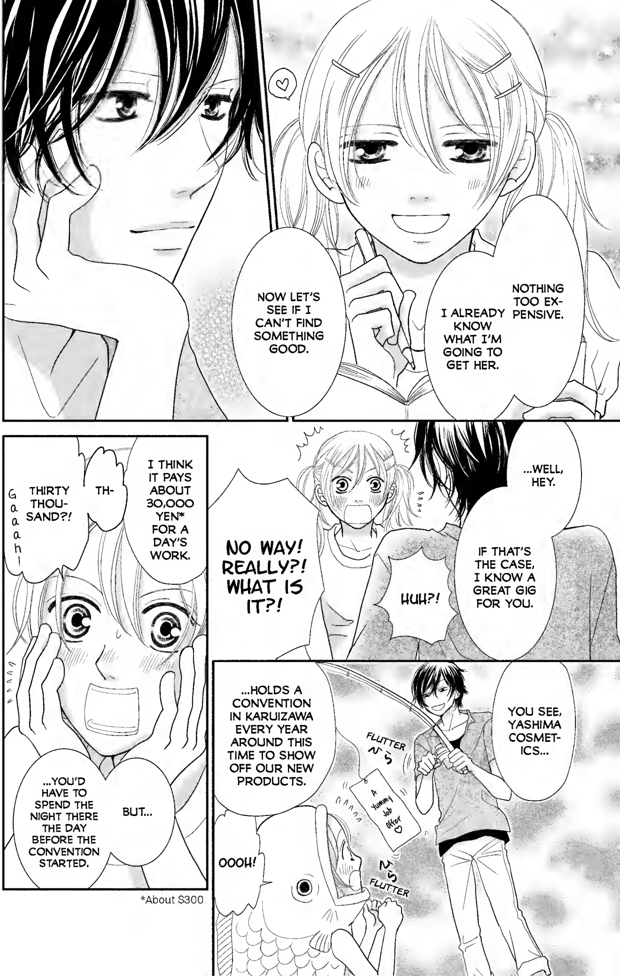
6 A Tempting Job Offer (Part 1)

Beauty Bunny

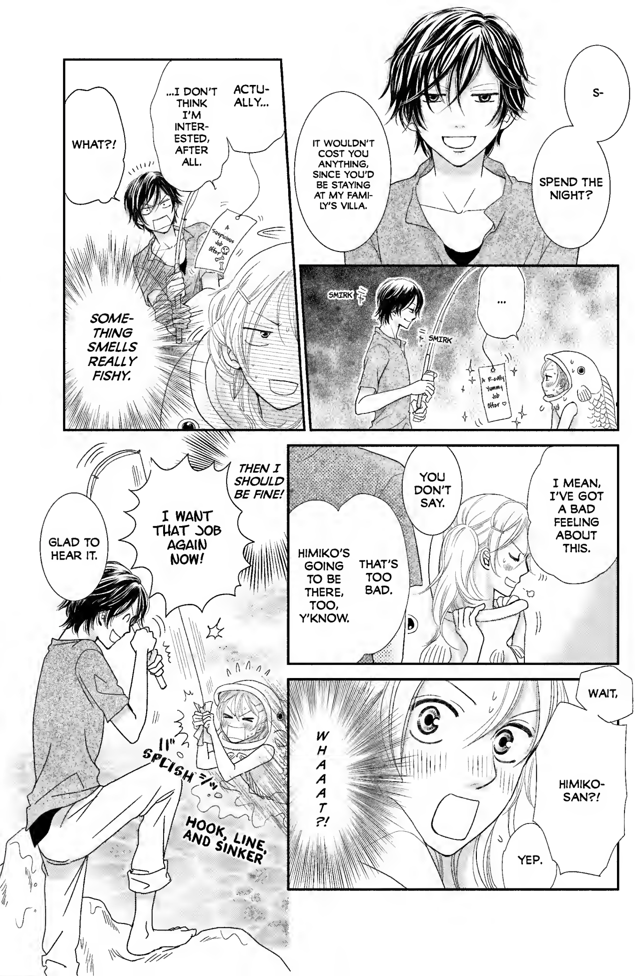


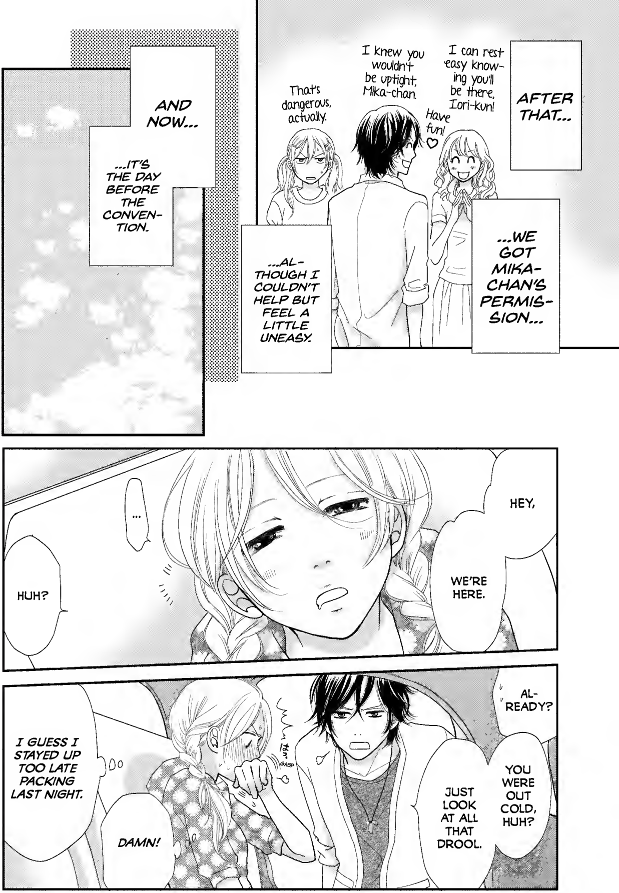

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER VACATION.
SINCE I'VE BEEN TO THE BEACH NOW...
...I THOUGHT I COULD SPEND THE REST OF MY TIME OFF FOCUSING ON WORK.
SO, IORI...
...HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT EXACTLY?
DOING WHAT?
BUT IORI'S BACK AT MY HOUSE FOR ANOTHER ONE OF HIS "HOME VISITS"...
IF YOU'RE DONE EATING, THEN MAYBE YOU COULD DO ME A FAVOR AND GO HOME ALREADY.
...AND HE'S JUST SORT OF ACTING LIKE A SLOTH.
Like this.
SLOTH
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? LET ME RELAX.

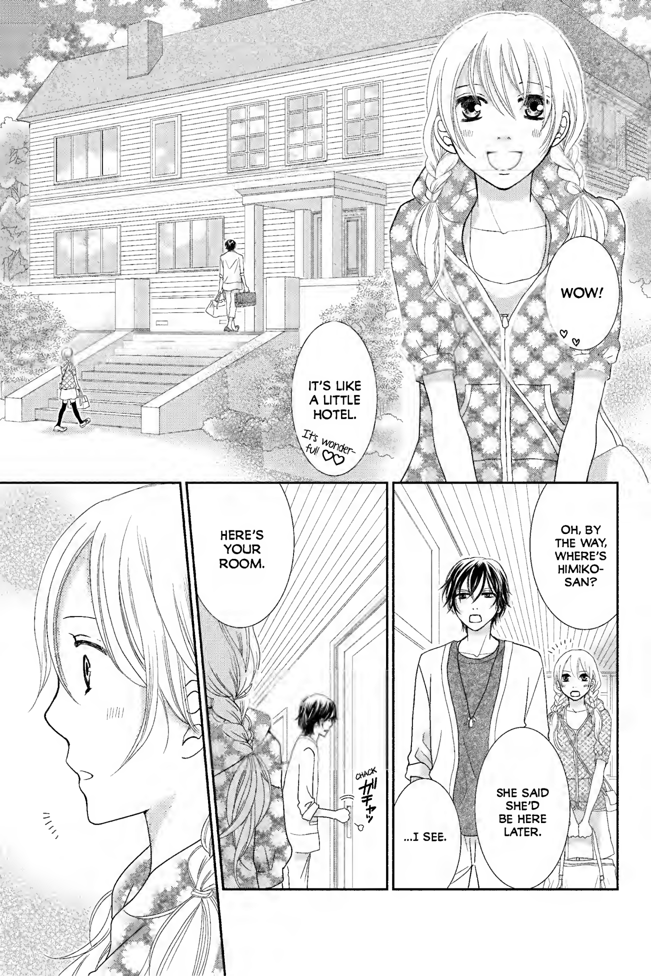

YOU CAN RELAX IN YOUR OWN HOUSE!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST MAKE PEOPLE COOK FOR YOU?!
EVERYBODY KNOWS THE FIRST STEP TO LOOKING GOOD IS EATING RIGHT.
BESIDES, I BOUGHT THE FOOD ON MY WAY HERE, SO QUIT COMPLAINING.
...
Classifieds
THAT DOES HELP A BIT WITH OUR FOOD BUDGET...
...BUT I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO WITH MY TIME, Y'KNOW.
HELP WANTED
Part-time Jobs
WHAT ARE YOU DOING LOOKING AT THE CLASSIFIEDS?
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET YET ANOTHER JOB?
NO.
I NEED SOMETHING SHORT-TERM.
TURNS OUT THE MADAM AT MY JOB IS GOING TO HAWAII ON VACATION NEXT WEEK, APPARENTLY.
AND HERE I THOUGHT I COULD SWITCH TO FULL-TIME.
Cl
DAMN.
That sounds rough.
ARE THINGS REALLY THAT TIGHT FOR YOU GUYS?
THAT'S NOT IT.
MIKA-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP SOON...
...AND SINCE I'M WORKING NOW...
...I THOUGHT I COULD SPLURGE A LITTLE ON A PRESENT FOR HER.

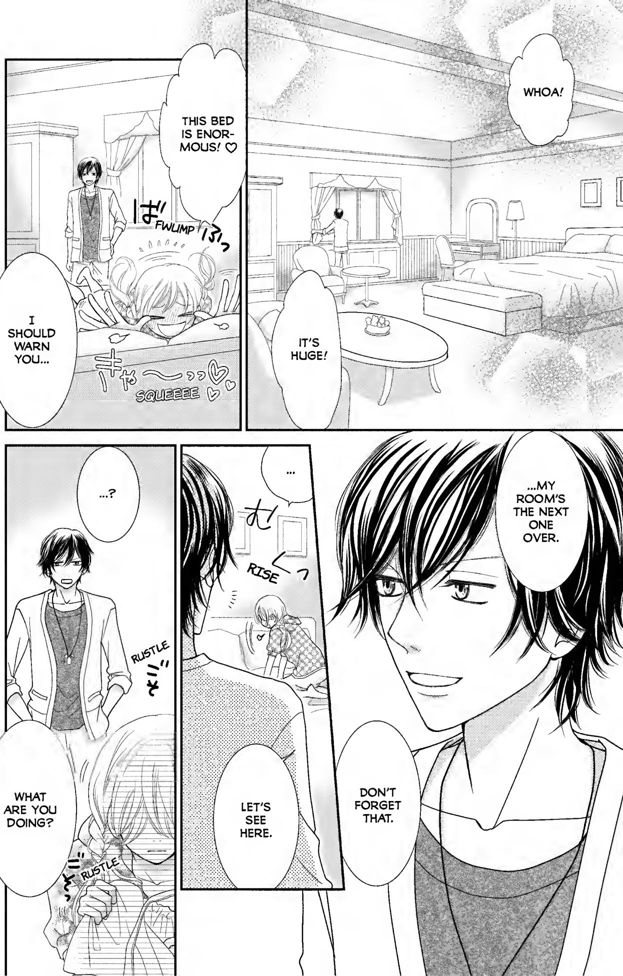

♡
NOTHING TOO EXPENSIVE.
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO GET HER.
NOW LET'S SEE IF I CAN'T FIND SOMETHING GOOD.
...WELL, HEY.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I KNOW A GREAT GIG FOR YOU.
HUH?!
NO WAY! REALLY?! WHAT IS IT?!
YOU SEE, YASHIMA COSMETICS...
...HOLDS A CONVENTION IN KARUIZAWA EVERY YEAR AROUND THIS TIME TO SHOW OFF OUR NEW PRODUCTS.
FLUTTER
A Yummy Job Offer ♡
OOOH!
FLUTTER
I THINK IT PAYS ABOUT 30,000 YEN* FOR A DAY'S WORK.
TH-
THIRTY THOUSAND?!
Gaaah!
BUT...
...YOU'D HAVE TO SPEND THE NIGHT THERE THE DAY BEFORE THE CONVENTION STARTED.

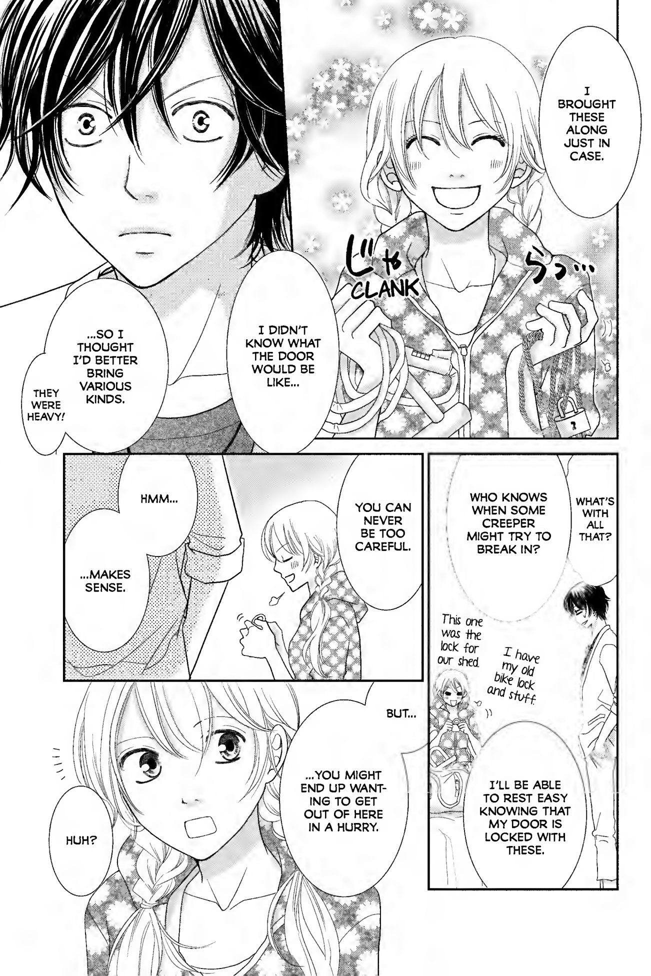
*About $300

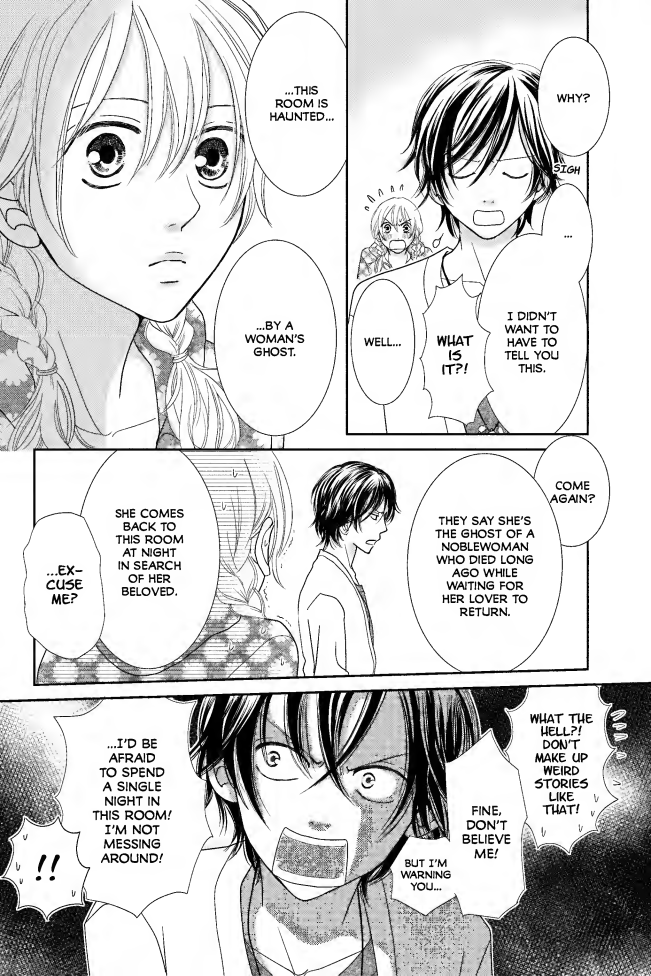

S-
SPEND THE NIGHT?
IT WOULDN'T COST YOU ANYTHING, SINCE YOU'D BE STAYING AT MY FAMILY'S VILLA.
...
SMIRK
SMIRK
A Really Yummy Job Offer ♡
ACTUALLY...
...I DON'T THINK I'M INTERESTED, AFTER ALL.
WHAT?!
A Suspicious Job Offer
SOMETHING SMELLS REALLY FISHY.
I MEAN, I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
YOU DON'T SAY.
THAT'S TOO BAD.
HIMIKO'S GOING TO BE THERE, TOO, Y'KNOW.
WAIT,
HIMIKO-SAN?!
YEP.
WHAAAAT?!
THEN I SHOULD BE FINE!
I WANT THAT JOB AGAIN NOW!
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
SPLISH
HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER


AFTER THAT...
I can rest easy knowing you'll be there, Iori-kun!
I knew you wouldn't be uptight, Mika-chan.
Have fun! ♡
That's dangerous, actually.
...WE GOT MIKA-CHAN'S PERMISSION...
...ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL A LITTLE UNEASY.
AND NOW...
...IT'S THE DAY BEFORE THE CONVENTION.
HEY,
WE'RE HERE.
...
HUH?
ALREADY?
YOU WERE OUT COLD, HUH?
JUST LOOK AT ALL THAT DROOL.
GASP
I GUESS I STAYED UP TOO LATE PACKING LAST NIGHT.
DAMN!


WOW! ♡♡
IT'S LIKE A LITTLE HOTEL.
It's wonderful! ♡♡
OH, BY THE WAY, WHERE'S HIMIKO-SAN?
SHE SAID SHE'D BE HERE LATER.
...I SEE.
HERE'S YOUR ROOM.
CHACK ガチャッ


WHOA!
IT'S HUGE!
THIS BED IS ENORMOUS! ♡
ば FWUMP ふっ
きゃ〜っっっ SQUEEEE ♡
I SHOULD WARN YOU...
...MY ROOM'S THE NEXT ONE OVER.
DON'T FORGET THAT.
...
む! RISE くっ
LET'S SEE HERE.
...?
RUSTLE ごそ
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ごそ RUSTLE


I BROUGHT THESE ALONG JUST IN CASE.
じゃ
CLANK
らっ…
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE DOOR WOULD BE LIKE...
...SO I THOUGHT I'D BETTER BRING VARIOUS KINDS.
THEY WERE HEAVY!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THAT?
WHO KNOWS WHEN SOME CREEPER MIGHT TRY TO BREAK IN?
This one was the lock for our shed.
I have my old bike lock and stuff.
I'LL BE ABLE TO REST EASY KNOWING THAT MY DOOR IS LOCKED WITH THESE.
YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL.
HMM...
...MAKES SENSE.
BUT...
...YOU MIGHT END UP WANTING TO GET OUT OF HERE IN A HURRY.
HUH?


WHY?
SIGH
...
I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS.
WHAT IS IT?!
WELL...
...THIS ROOM IS HAUNTED...
...BY A WOMAN'S GHOST.
COME AGAIN?
THEY SAY SHE'S THE GHOST OF A NOBLEWOMAN WHO DIED LONG AGO WHILE WAITING FOR HER LOVER TO RETURN.
SHE COMES BACK TO THIS ROOM AT NIGHT IN SEARCH OF HER BELOVED.
...EXCUSE ME?
WHAT THE HELL?! DON'T MAKE UP WEIRD STORIES LIKE THAT!
FINE, DON'T BELIEVE ME!
BUT I'M WARNING YOU...
...I'D BE AFRAID TO SPEND A SINGLE NIGHT IN THIS ROOM! I'M NOT MESSING AROUND!
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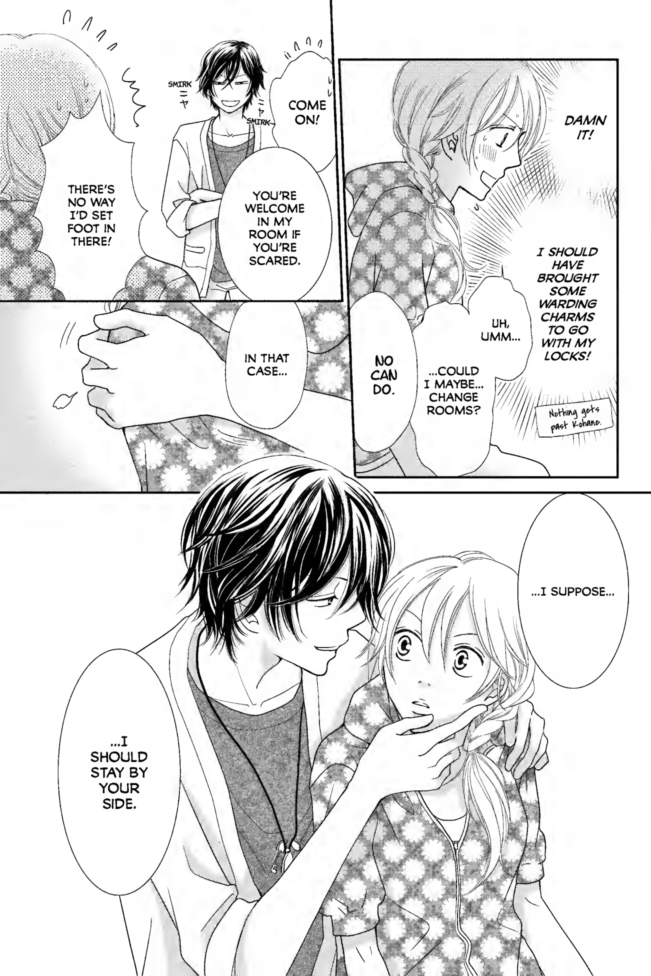
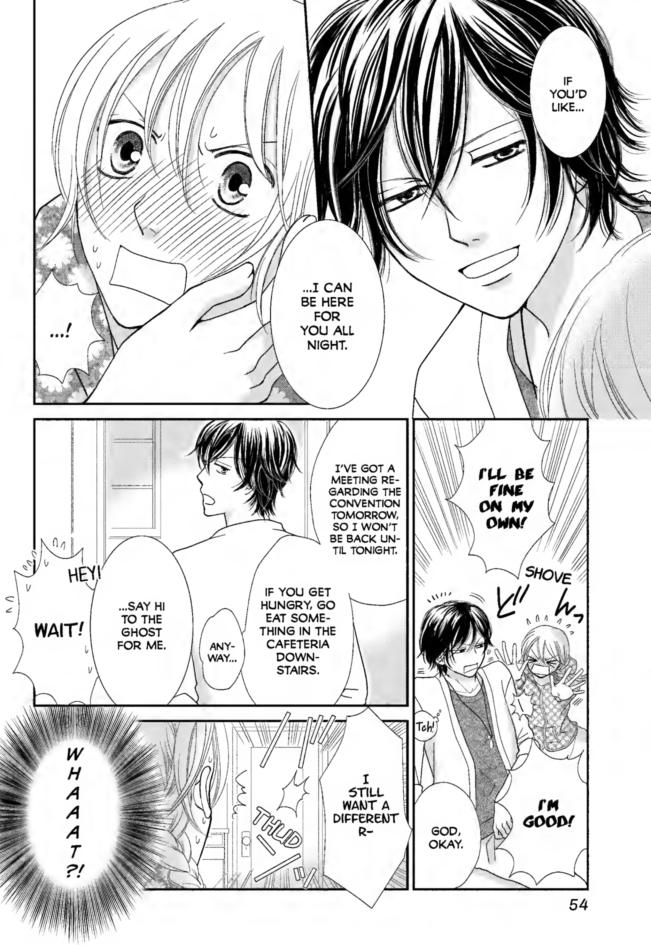
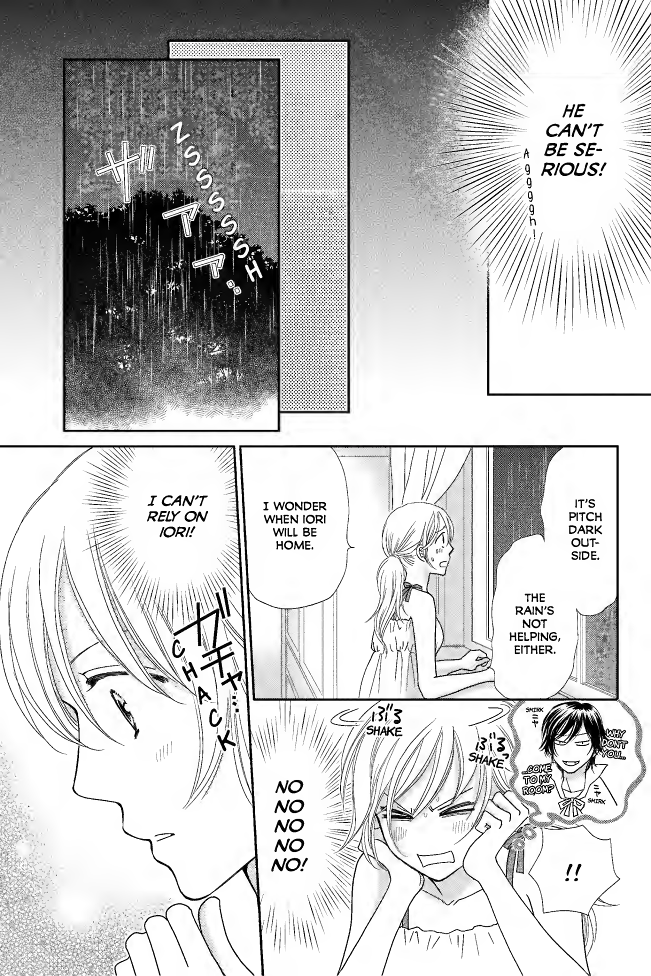
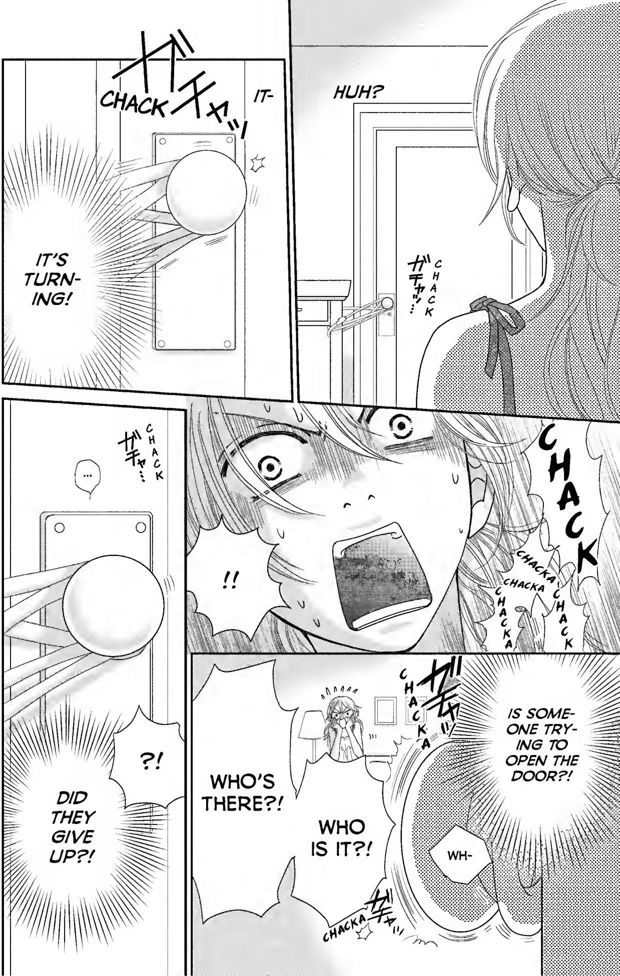
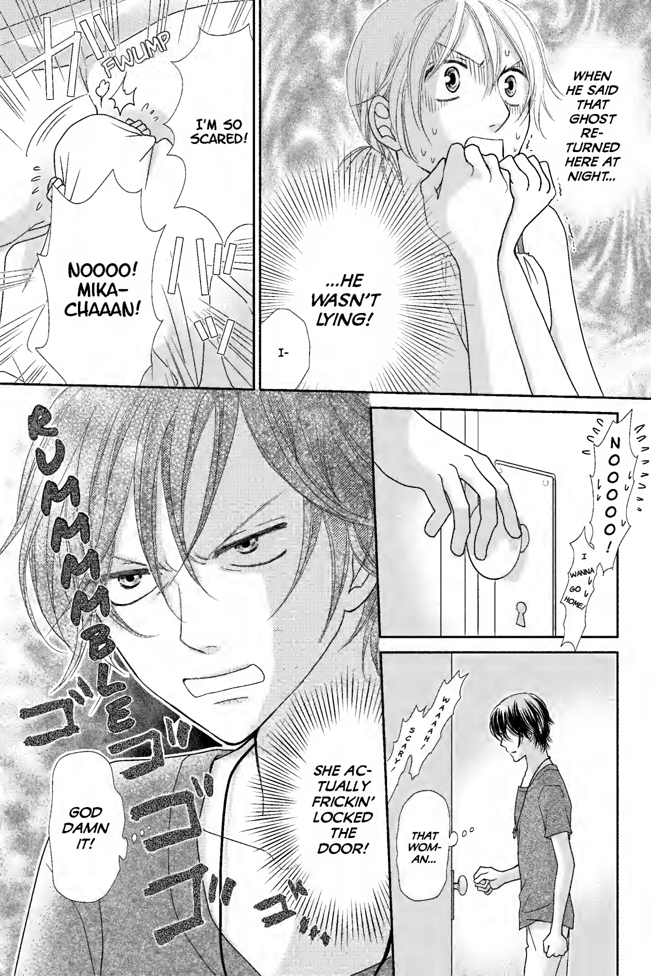
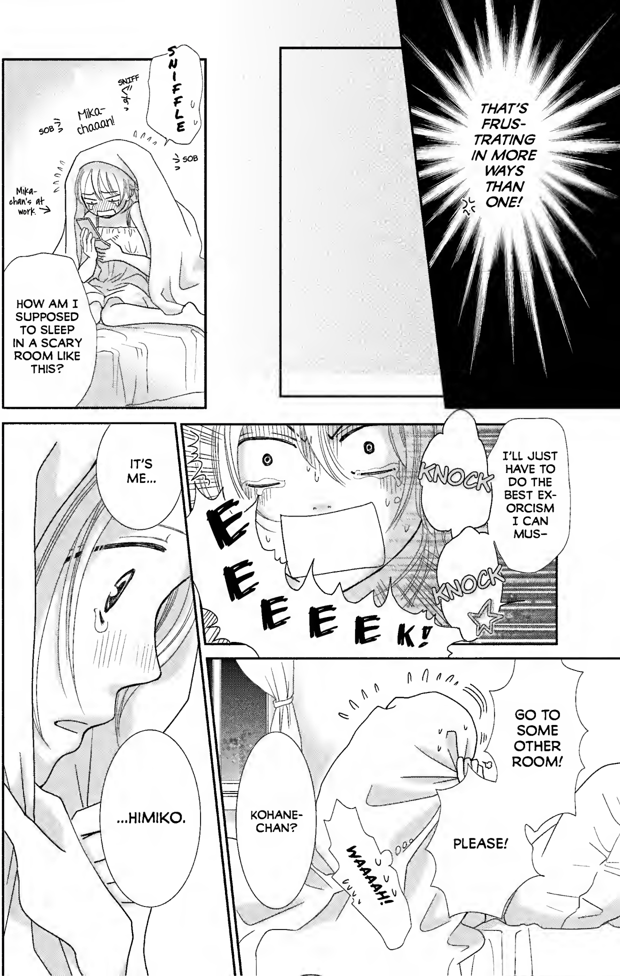

THERE'S NO WAY I'D SET FOOT IN THERE!
SMIRK ニヤ
ニヤ SMIRK
COME ON!
YOU'RE WELCOME IN MY ROOM IF YOU'RE SCARED.
DAMN IT!
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT SOME WARDING CHARMS TO GO WITH MY LOCKS!
UH, UMM...
...COULD I MAYBE... CHANGE ROOMS?
NO CAN DO.
Nothing gets past Kohane.
IN THAT CASE...
...I SUPPOSE...
...I SHOULD STAY BY YOUR SIDE.

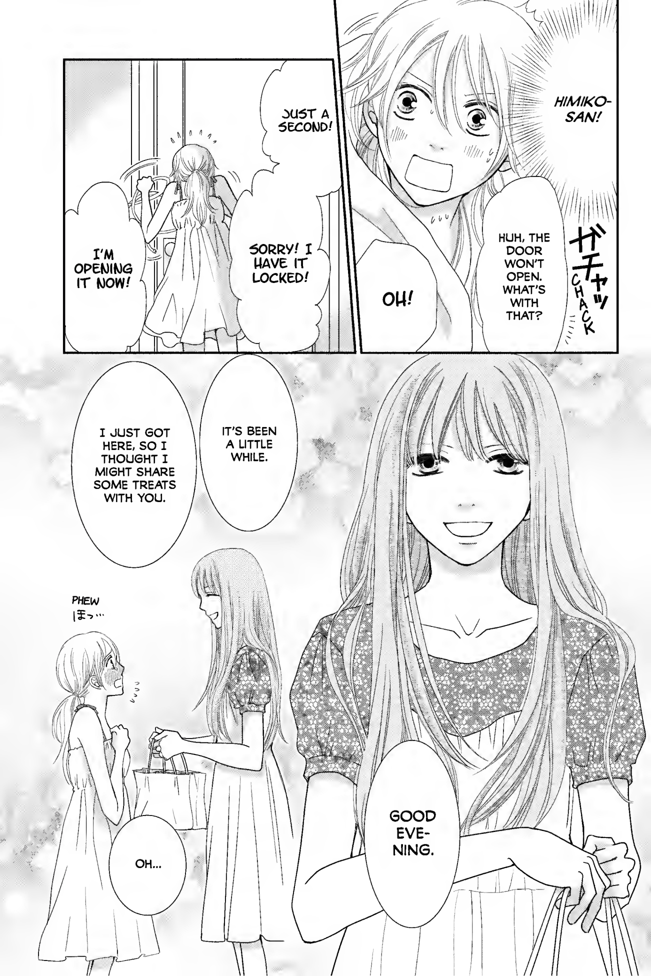

IF YOU'D LIKE...
...I CAN BE HERE FOR YOU ALL NIGHT.
...!
I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN!
SHOVE
Tch!
I'M GOOD!
GOD, OKAY.
I'VE GOT A MEETING REGARDING THE CONVENTION TOMORROW, SO I WON'T BE BACK UNTIL TONIGHT.
IF YOU GET HUNGRY, GO EAT SOMETHING IN THE CAFETERIA DOWNSTAIRS.
ANYWAY...
...SAY HI TO THE GHOST FOR ME.
HEY!
WAIT!
I STILL WANT A DIFFERENT R-
THUD
WHAAAAT?!

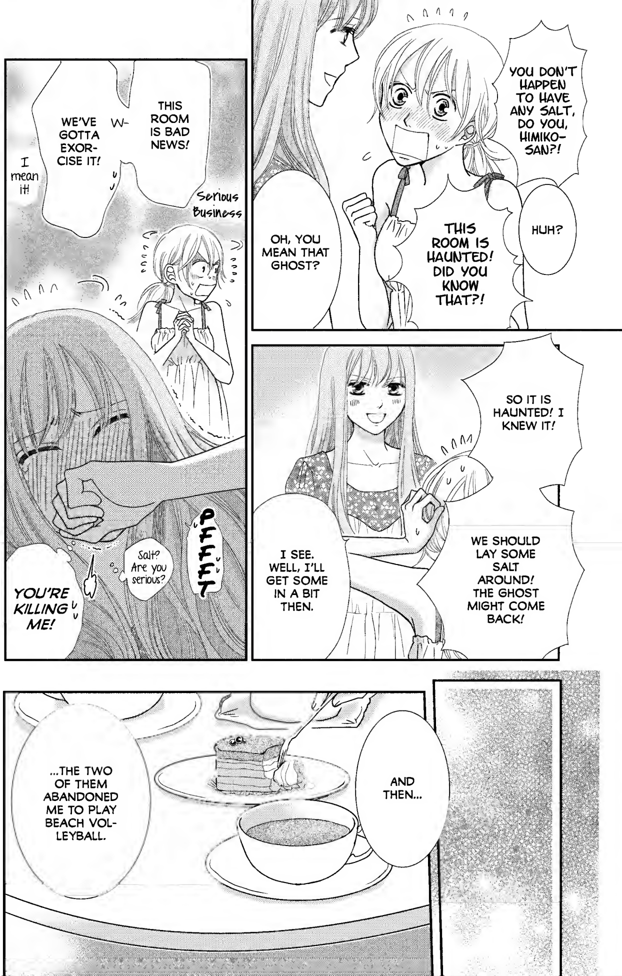

HE CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
Aggggh!
ザアア…
ZSSSSSSH
IT'S PITCH DARK OUTSIDE.
THE RAIN'S NOT HELPING, EITHER.
I WONDER WHEN IORI WILL BE HOME.
ニヤ SMIRK
WHY DON'T YOU...
...COME TO MY ROOM?
ニヤ SMIRK
!!
ぶるっ SHAKE
ぶるっ SHAKE
NO NO NO NO NO!
I CAN'T RELY ON IORI!
ガチャ… CHACK

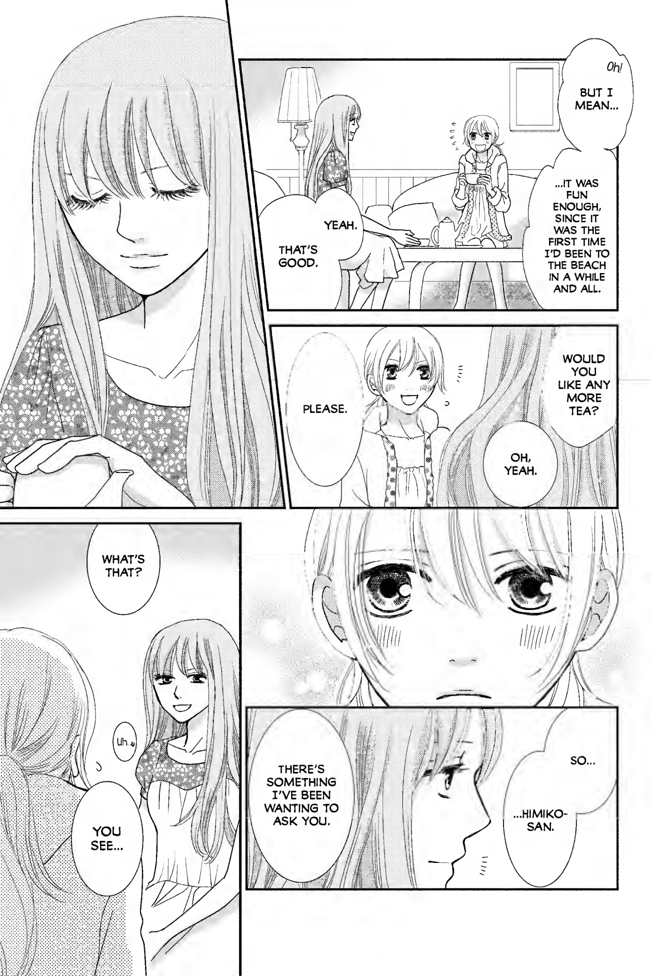

HUH?
ガチャッ… CHACK
IT-
ガチャッ CHACK
IT'S TURNING!
CHACK
CHACKA CHACKA CHACKA CHACK
!!
IS SOME-ONE TRYING TO OPEN THE DOOR?!
ガチャッ CHACKA
WH-
WHO IS IT?!
WHO'S THERE?!
ガチャッ CHACKA
ガチャ… CHACK
…
?!
DID THEY GIVE UP?!

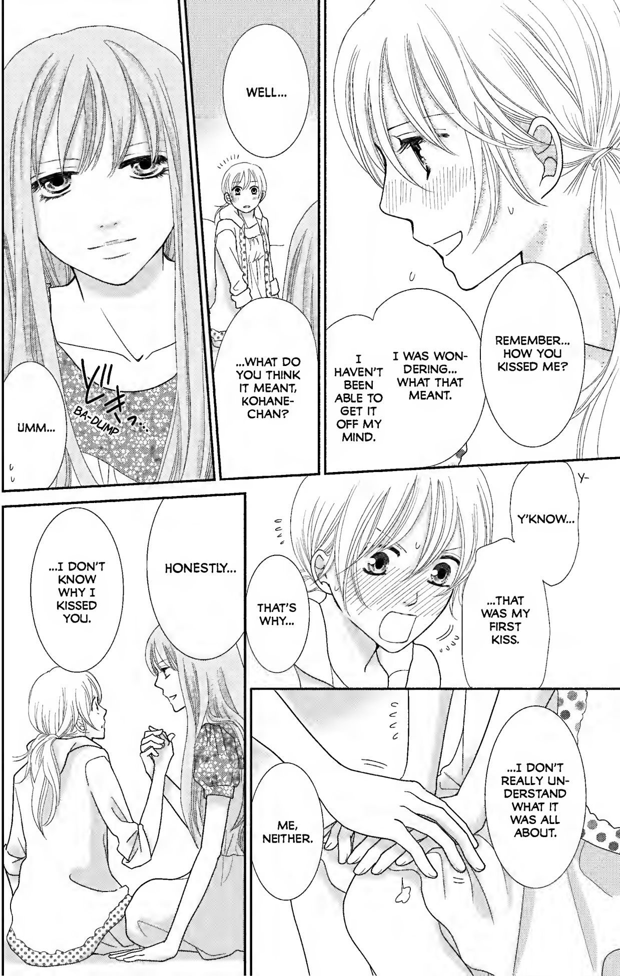

WHEN HE SAID THAT GHOST RETURNED HERE AT NIGHT...
...HE WASN'T LYING!
I-
FWLIMP
I'M SO SCARED!
NOOOO! MIKA-CHAAAN!
NOOOOOO!
I WANNA GO HOME!
WAAAAH! SCARY!
THAT WOMAN...
SHE ACTUALLY FRICKIN' LOCKED THE DOOR!
RUMMMMBLE
GOD DAMN IT!

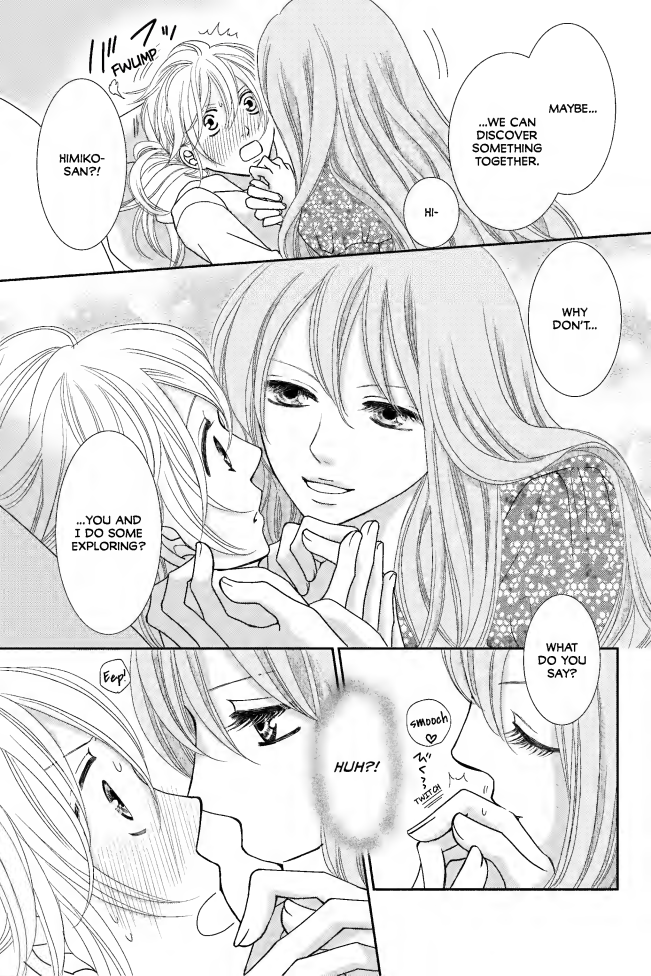

THAT'S FRUSTRATING IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!
SNIFFLE
SNIFF
SOB
Mika-chaaan!
SOB
Mika-chan's at work.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP IN A SCARY ROOM LIKE THIS?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THE BEST EXORCISM I CAN MUS-
KNOCK
KNOCK
EEEEEK!
GO TO SOME OTHER ROOM!
PLEASE!
WAAAAH!
KOHANE-CHAN?
IT'S ME...
...HIMIKO.

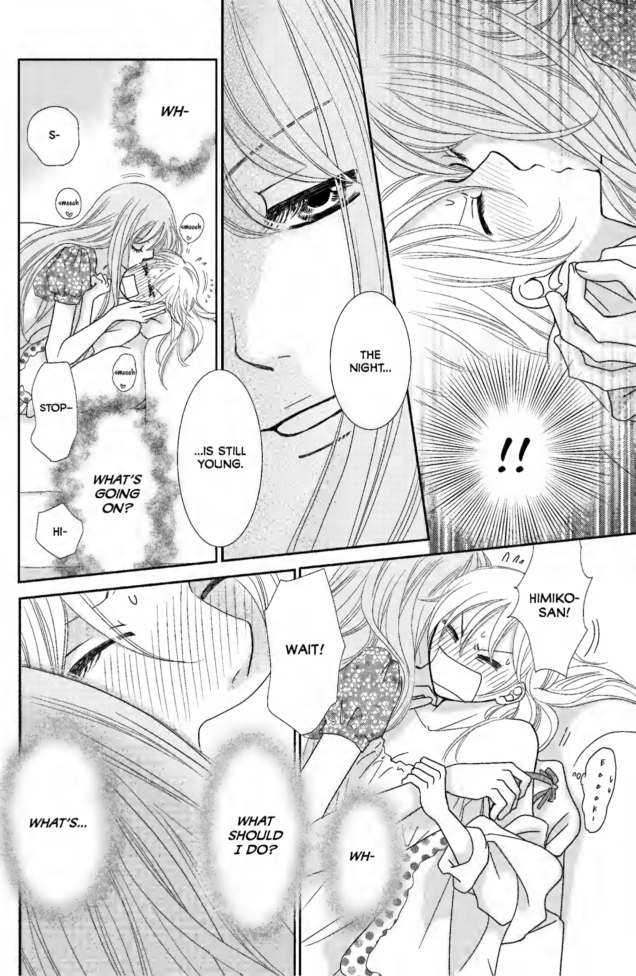

HIMIKO-SAN!
HUH, THE DOOR WON'T OPEN. WHAT'S WITH THAT?
ガチャッ
CHACK
OH!
JUST A SECOND!
SORRY! I HAVE IT LOCKED!
I'M OPENING IT NOW!
GOOD EVENING.
IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE.
I JUST GOT HERE, SO I THOUGHT I MIGHT SHARE SOME TREATS WITH YOU.
PHEW
ほっ…
OH...

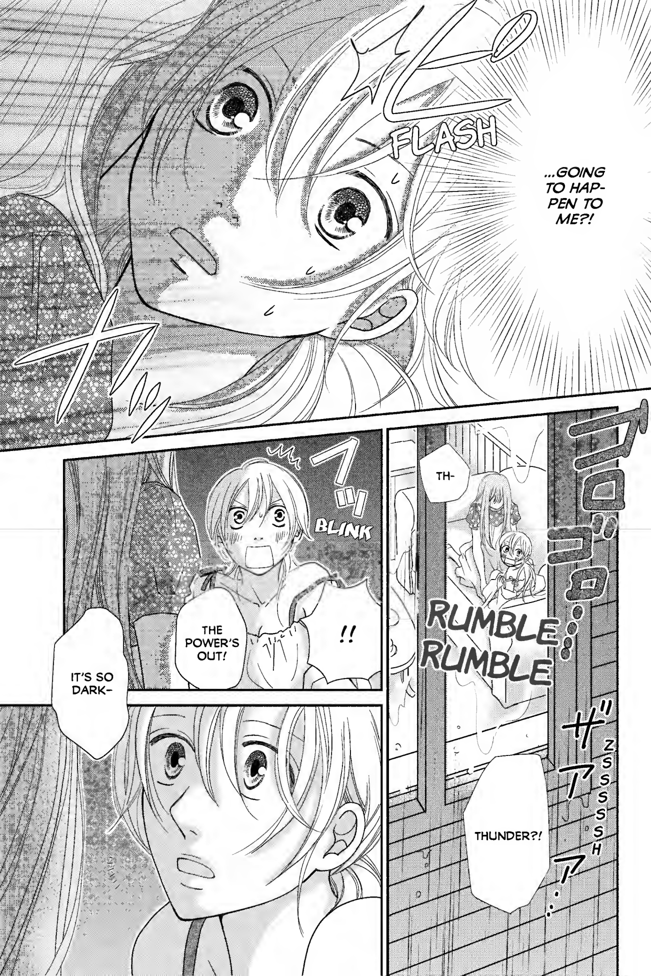

YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY SALT, DO YOU, HIMIKO-SAN?!
HUH?
THIS ROOM IS HAUNTED! DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
OH, YOU MEAN THAT GHOST?
SO IT IS HAUNTED! I KNEW IT!
WE SHOULD LAY SOME SALT AROUND! THE GHOST MIGHT COME BACK!
I SEE. WELL, I'LL GET SOME IN A BIT THEN.
THIS ROOM IS BAD NEWS!
W-
WE'VE GOTTA EXORCISE IT!
I mean it!
Serious Business
PFFFT
Salt? Are you serious?
YOU'RE KILLING ME!
AND THEN...
...THE TWO OF THEM ABANDONED ME TO PLAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL.

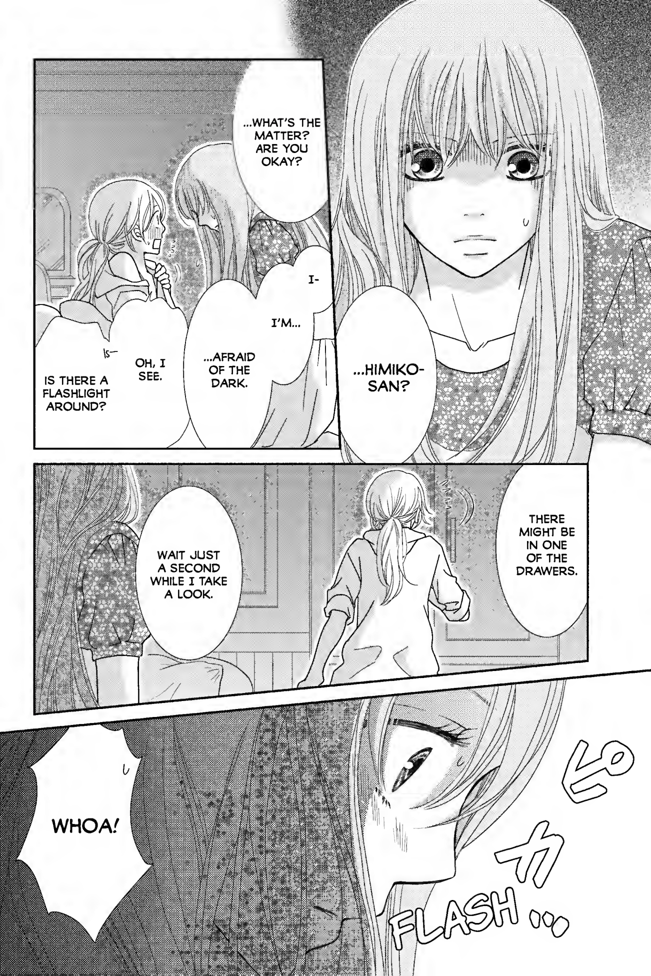

Oh!
BUT I MEAN...
...IT WAS FUN ENOUGH, SINCE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D BEEN TO THE BEACH IN A WHILE AND ALL.
YEAH.
THAT'S GOOD.
WOULD YOU LIKE ANY MORE TEA?
OH, YEAH.
PLEASE.
SO...
...HIMIKO-SAN.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU.
WHAT'S THAT?
Uh...
YOU SEE...


REMEMBER... HOW YOU KISSED ME?
I WAS WONDERING... WHAT THAT MEANT.
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IT OFF MY MIND.
WELL...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANT, KOHANE-CHAN?
UMM...
BA-DUMP
Y-
Y'KNOW...
...THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS.
THAT'S WHY...
...I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.
ME, NEITHER.
HONESTLY...
...I DON'T KNOW WHY I KISSED YOU.


MAYBE... ...WE CAN DISCOVER SOMETHING TOGETHER.
FWUMP
HI-
HIMIKO-SAN?!
WHY DON'T...
...YOU AND I DO SOME EXPLORING?
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
smooch
TWITCH
HUH?!
Eep!


!!
THE NIGHT...
...IS STILL YOUNG.
WH-
S-
smooch
smooch
smooch
STOP-
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HI-
HIMIKO-SAN!
Eeeek!
WAIT!
WH-
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT'S...


FLASH
...GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?!
TH-
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ZSSSSSH
THUNDER?!
BLINK
!!
THE POWER'S OUT!
IT'S SO DARK-


...HIMIKO-SAN?
...WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU OKAY?
I-
I'M...
...AFRAID OF THE DARK.
OH, I SEE.
IS THERE A FLASHLIGHT AROUND?
THERE MIGHT BE IN ONE OF THE DRAWERS.
WAIT JUST A SECOND WHILE I TAKE A LOOK.
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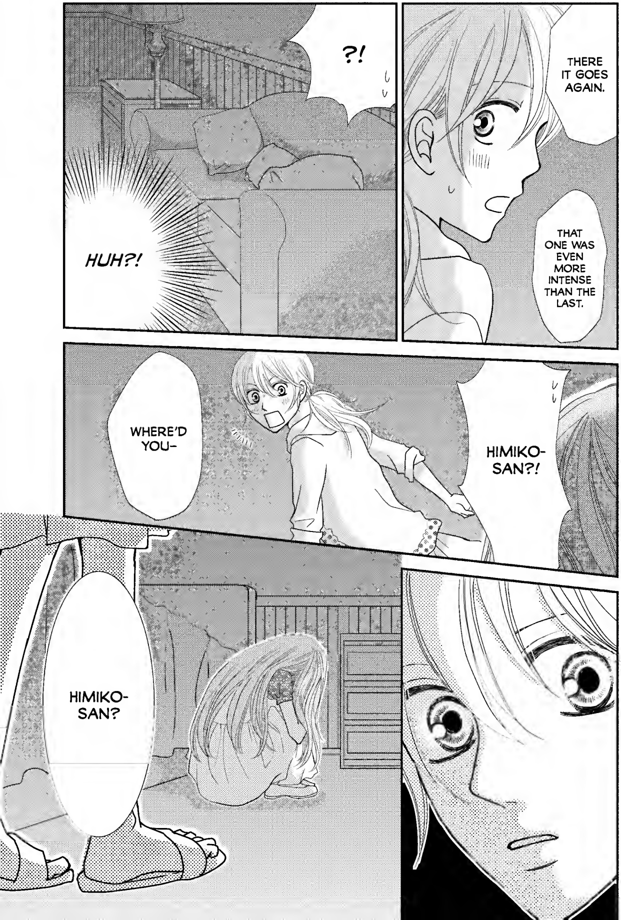
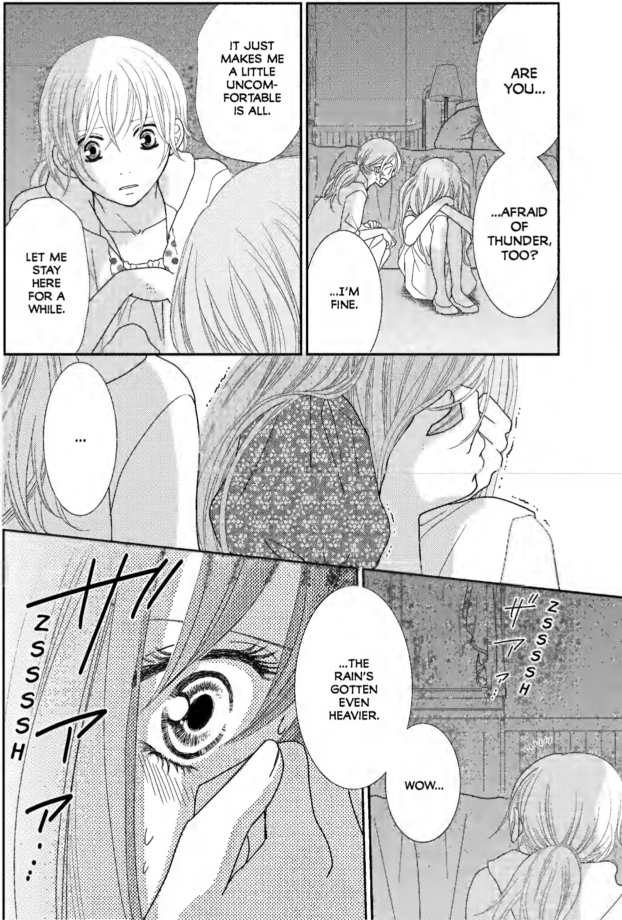
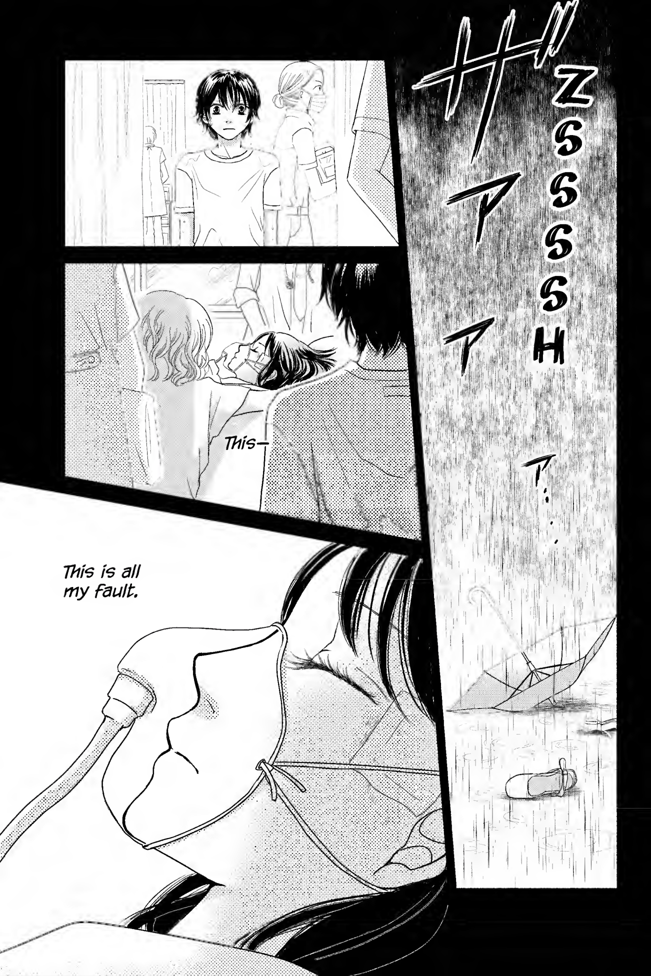
FLASH...
WHOA!


THERE IT GOES AGAIN.
THAT ONE WAS EVEN MORE INTENSE THAN THE LAST.
?!
HUH?!
HIMIKO-SAN?!
WHERE'D YOU-
HIMIKO-SAN?


ARE YOU...
...AFRAID OF THUNDER, TOO?
...I'M FINE.
IT JUST MAKES ME A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE IS ALL.
LET ME STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.
...
ZSSSSH
...THE RAIN'S GOTTEN EVEN HEAVIER.
WOW...
ZSSSSH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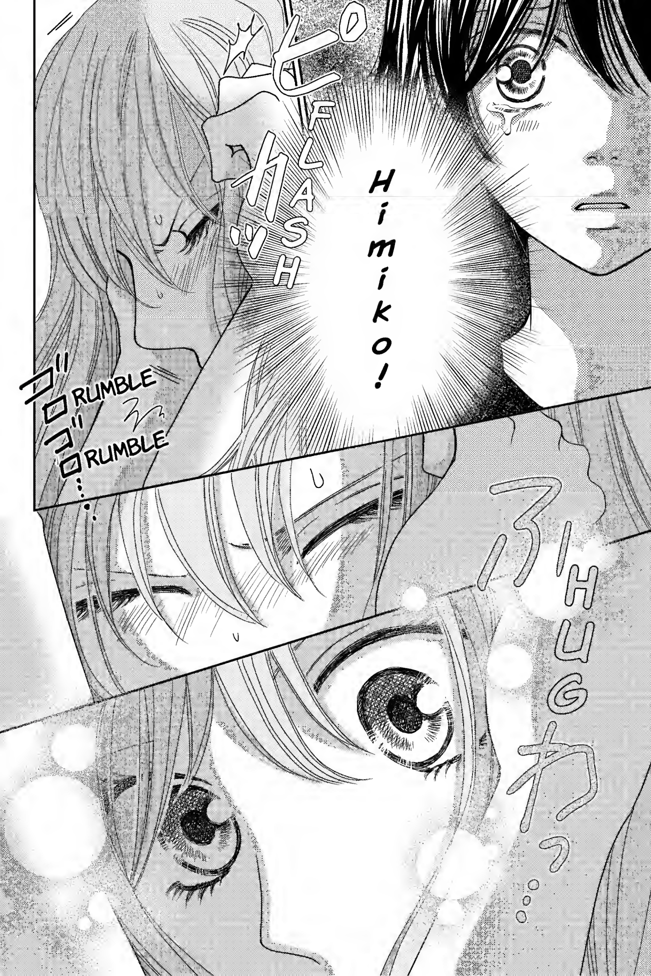
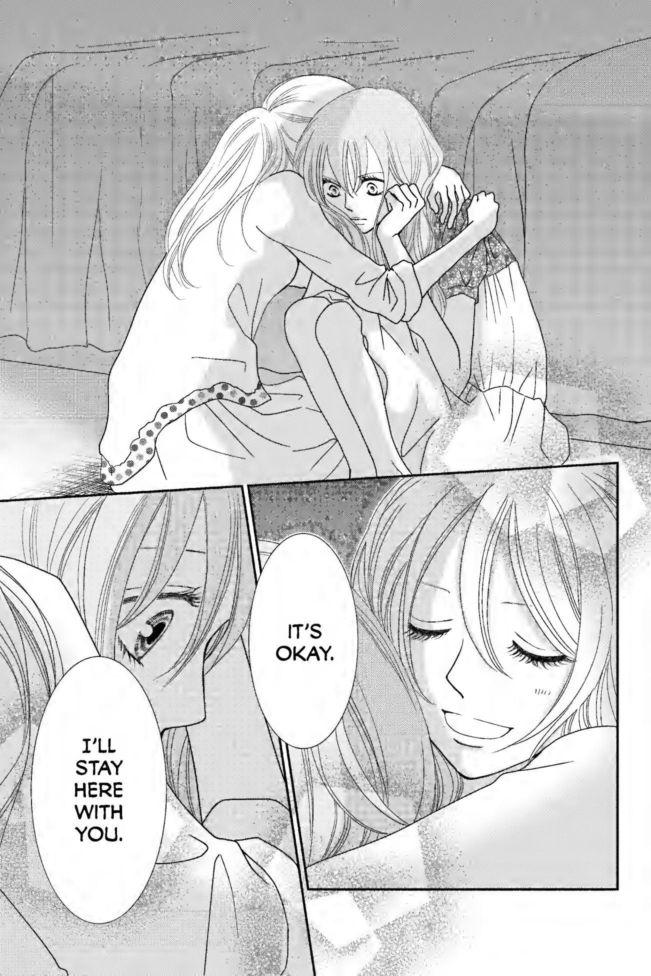
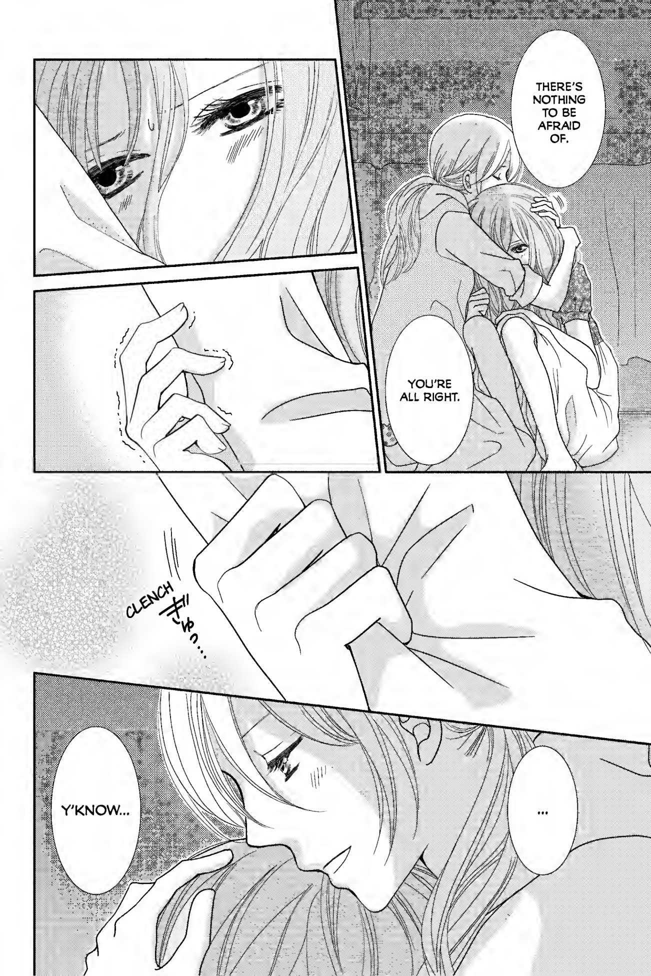
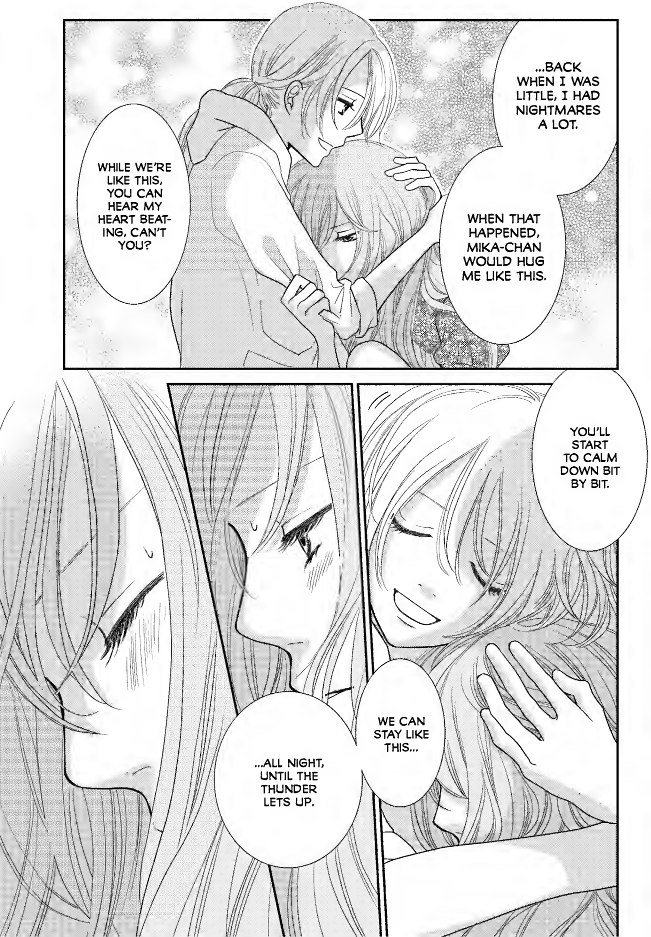
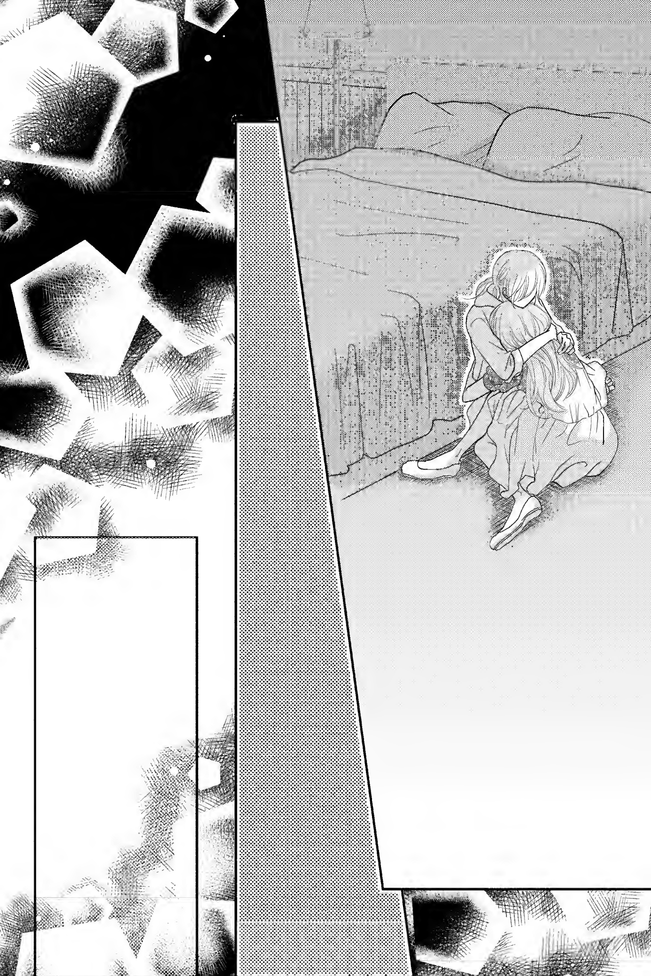
ZSSSSH
ア…
This—
This is all my fault.

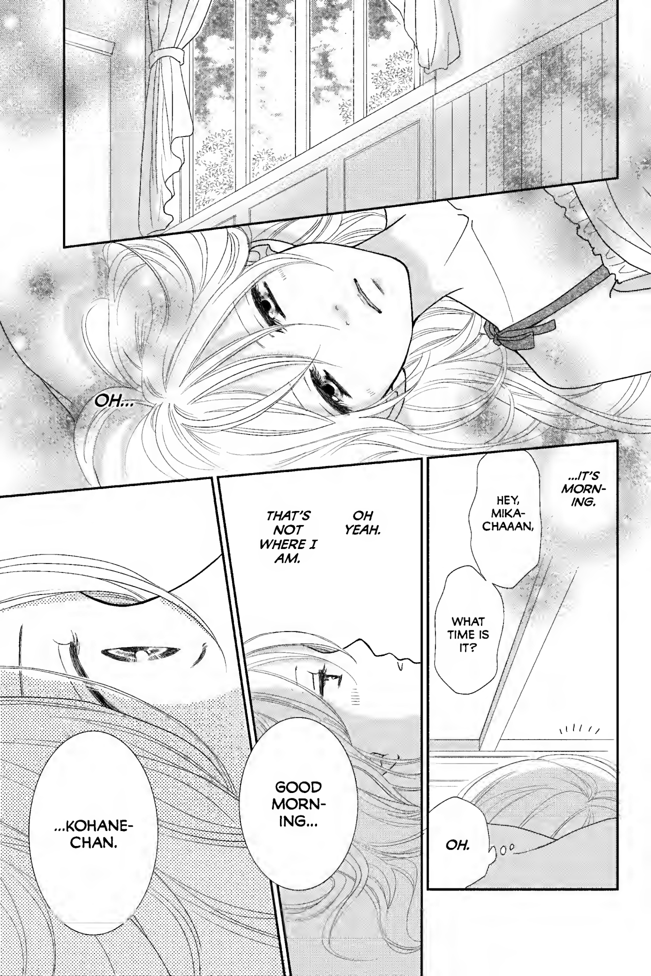

Himiko!
ピカッ FLASH
ゴロゴロ… RUMBLE RUMBLE
ふわっ… HUG

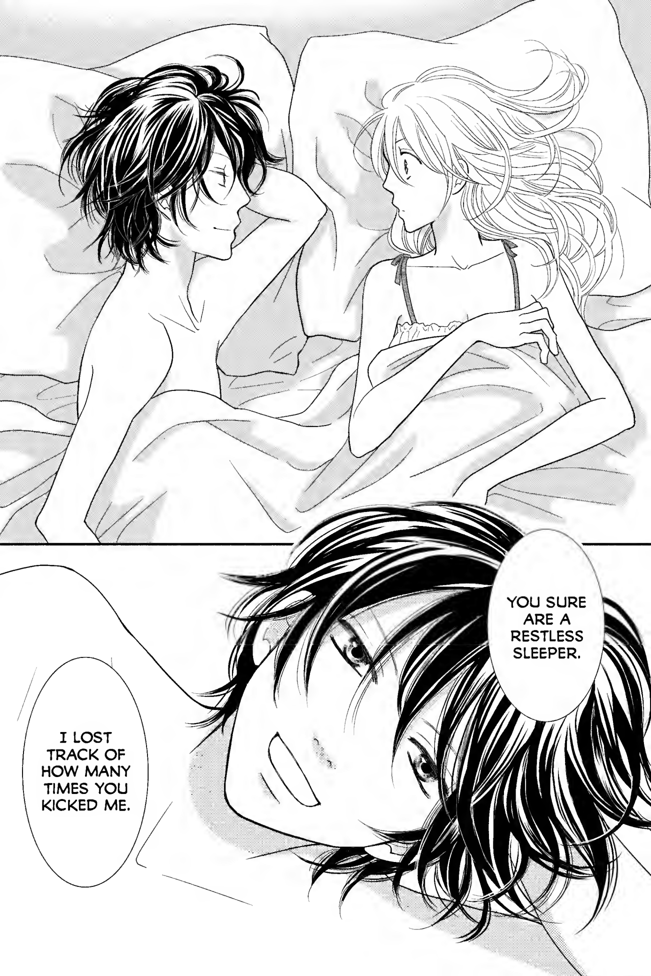

IT'S OKAY.
I'LL STAY HERE WITH YOU.

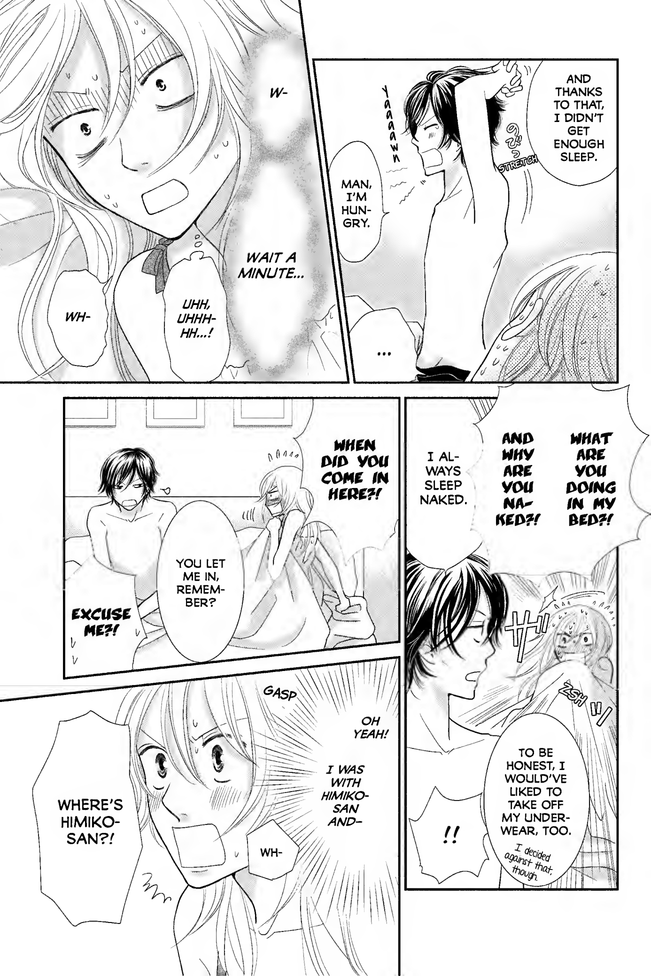

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
CLENCH ぎゅっ…
...
Y'KNOW...

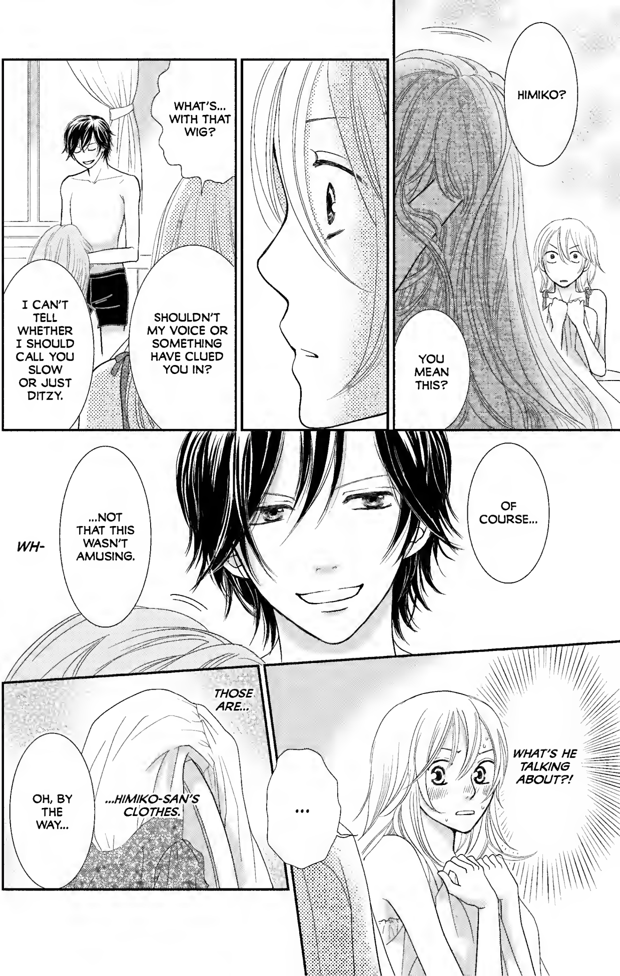

...BACK WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I HAD NIGHTMARES A LOT.
WHEN THAT HAPPENED, MIKA-CHAN WOULD HUG ME LIKE THIS.
WHILE WE'RE LIKE THIS, YOU CAN HEAR MY HEART BEATING, CAN'T YOU?
YOU'LL START TO CALM DOWN BIT BY BIT.
WE CAN STAY LIKE THIS...
...ALL NIGHT, UNTIL THE THUNDER LETS UP.

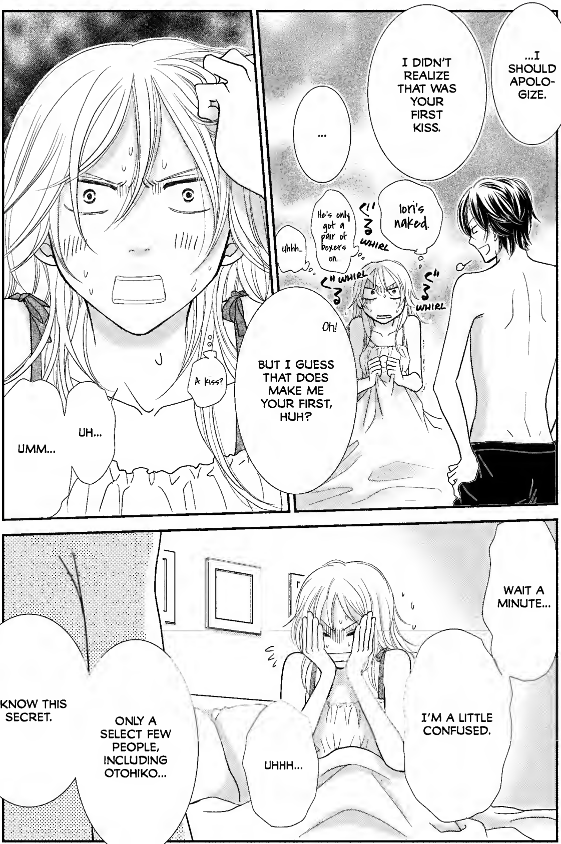


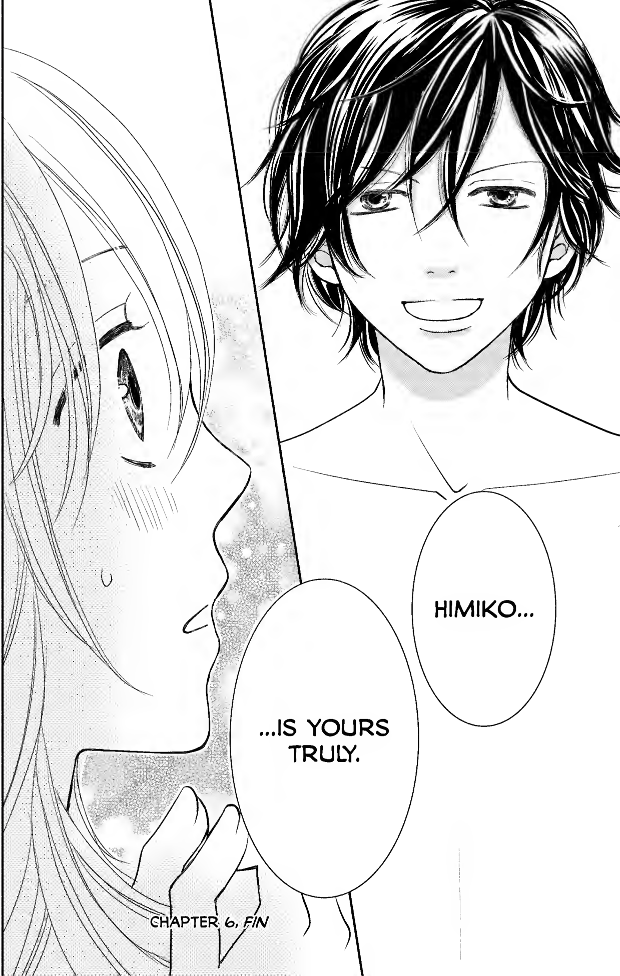

OH...
...IT'S MORNING.
HEY, MIKA-CHAAAN,
WHAT TIME IS IT?
OH.
OH YEAH.
THAT'S NOT WHERE I AM.
GOOD MORNING...
...KOHANE-CHAN.


YOU SURE ARE A RESTLESS SLEEPER.
I LOST TRACK OF HOW MANY TIMES YOU KICKED ME.


AND THANKS TO THAT, I DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP.
のびっ
STRETCH
Yaaaawn
MAN, I'M HUNGRY.
...
W-
WAIT A MINUTE...
UHH, UHHH-HH...!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY BED?!
AND WHY ARE YOU NAKED?!
I ALWAYS SLEEP NAKED.
WHEN DID YOU COME IN HERE?!
YOU LET ME IN, REMEMBER?
EXCUSE ME?!
ザッ
ZSH
TO BE HONEST, I WOULD'VE LIKED TO TAKE OFF MY UNDERWEAR, TOO.
I decided against that, though.
!!
GASP
OH YEAH!
I WAS WITH HIMIKO-SAN AND-
WH-
WHERE'S HIMIKO-SAN?!


HIMIKO?
YOU MEAN THIS?
WHAT'S... WITH THAT WIG?
SHOULDN'T MY VOICE OR SOMETHING HAVE CLUED YOU IN?
I CAN'T TELL WHETHER I SHOULD CALL YOU SLOW OR JUST DITZY.
OF COURSE...
...NOT THAT THIS WASN'T AMUSING.
WH-
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?!
...
THOSE ARE...
...HIMIKO-SAN'S CLOTHES.
OH, BY THE WAY...


...I SHOULD APOLOGIZE.
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS YOUR FIRST KISS.
...
Iori's naked.
He's only got a pair of boxers on
uhhh...
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
Oh!
BUT I GUESS THAT DOES MAKE ME YOUR FIRST, HUH?
A kiss?
UH...
UMM...
WAIT A MINUTE...
I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED.
UHHH...
ONLY A SELECT FEW PEOPLE, INCLUDING OTOHIKO...
...KNOW THIS SECRET.


HIMIKO...
...IS YOURS TRULY.

CHAPTER 6, *FIN*

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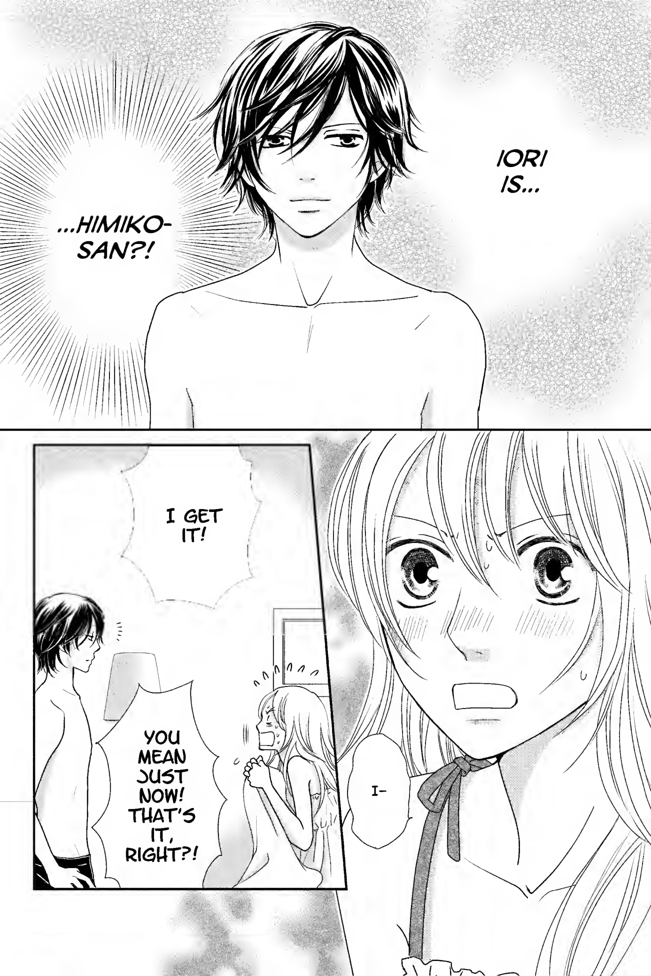
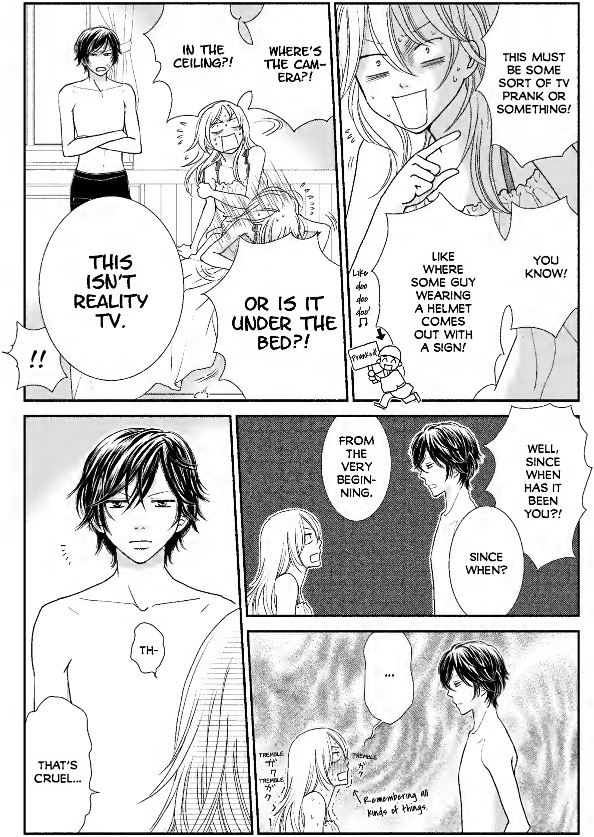
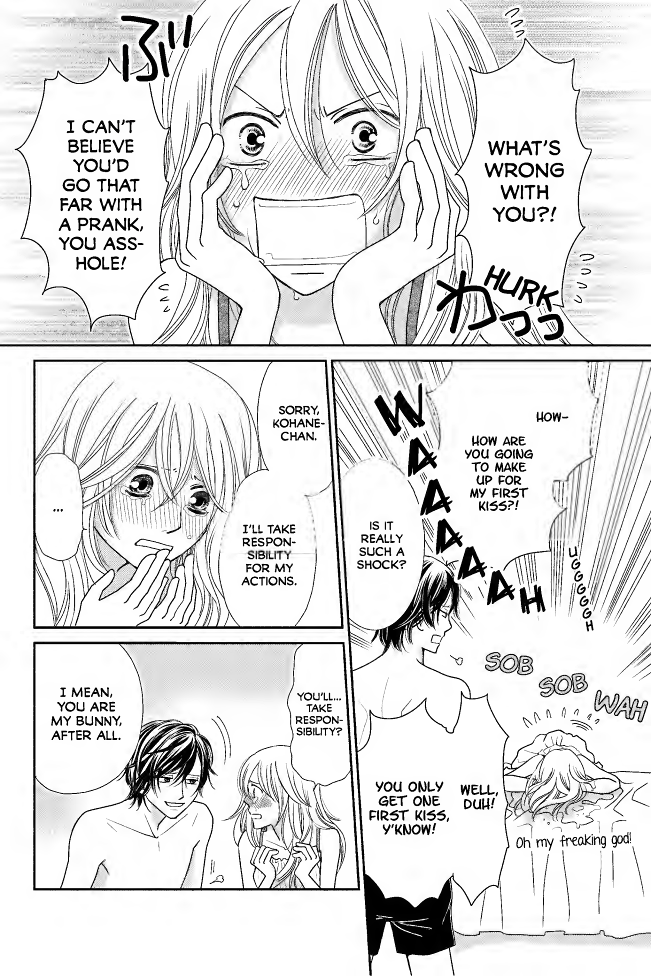
A Tempting Job Offer (Part 2)

Beauty Bunny


IORI IS...
...HIMIKO-SAN?!
I-
I GET IT!
YOU MEAN JUST NOW! THAT'S IT, RIGHT?!


THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF TV PRANK OR SOMETHING!
YOU KNOW!
LIKE WHERE SOME GUY WEARING A HELMET COMES OUT WITH A SIGN!
Like doo doo doo! ♫
Pranked!
WHERE'S THE CAMERA?!
IN THE CEILING?!
OR IS IT UNDER THE BED?!
THIS ISN'T REALITY TV.
!!
WELL, SINCE WHEN HAS IT BEEN YOU?!
SINCE WHEN?
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
...
TREMBLE ガク
TREMBLE ガク
TREMBLE ガク
Remembering all kinds of things.
TH-
THAT'S CRUEL...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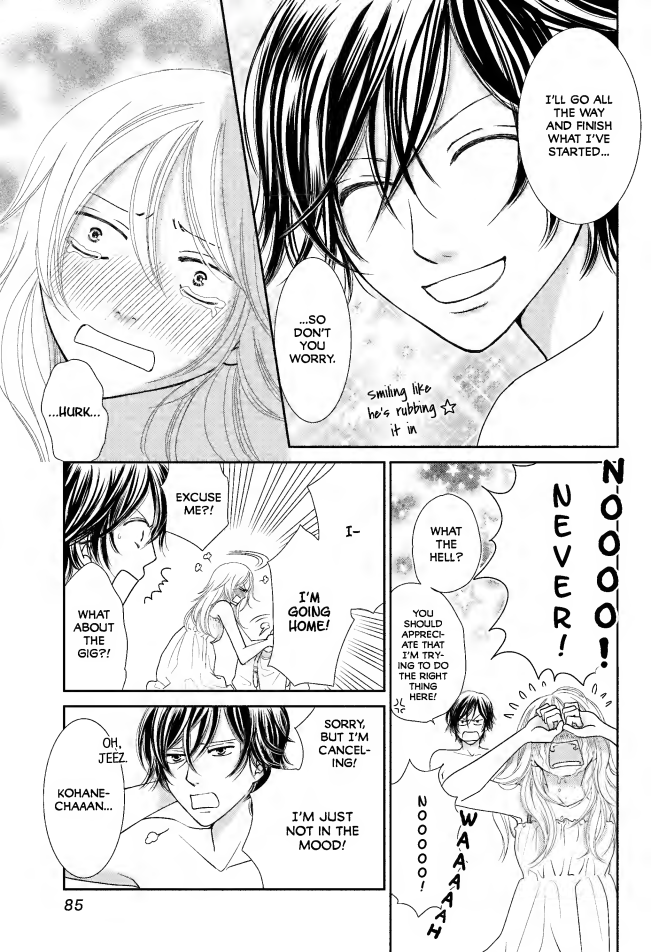
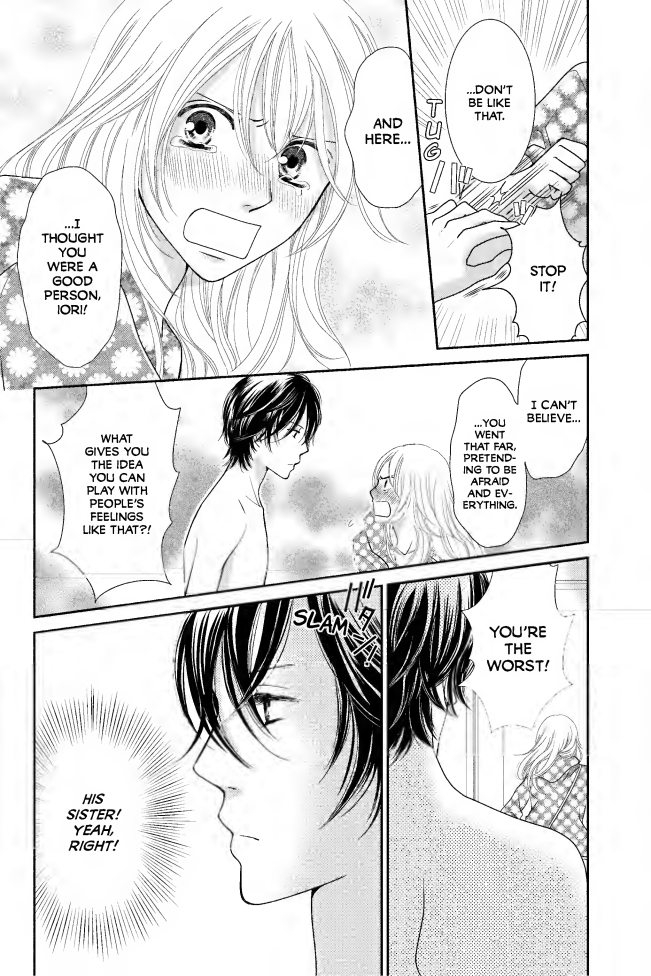
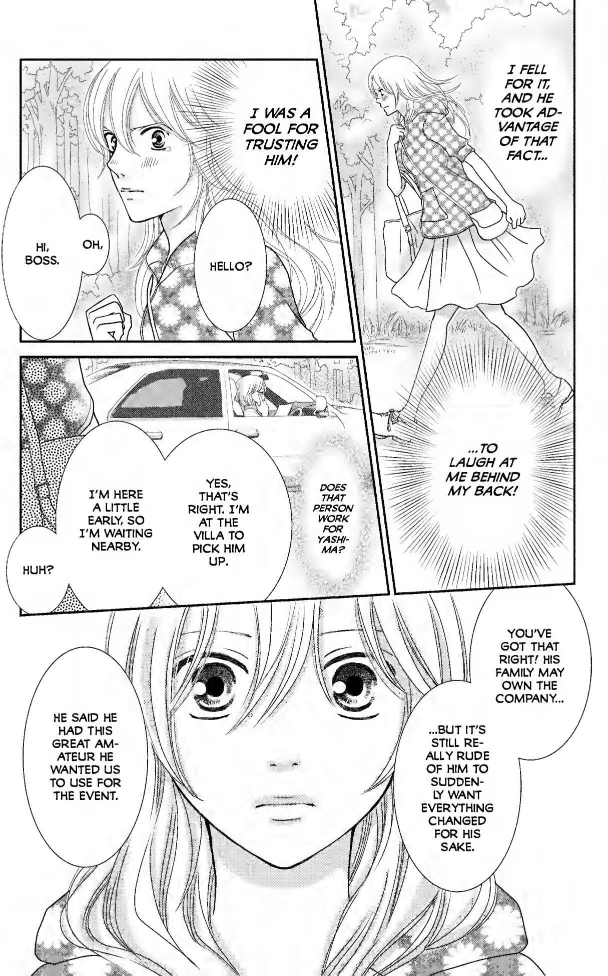
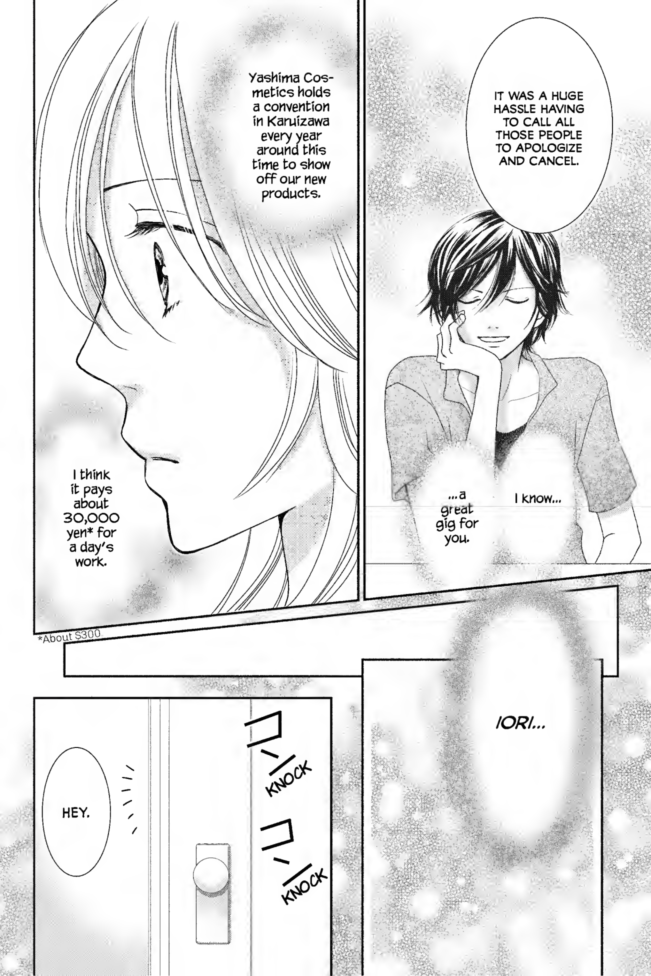
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D GO THAT FAR WITH A PRANK, YOU ASSHOLE!
HURK
わっっっ
HOW-
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE UP FOR MY FIRST KISS?!
WAAAAAH
IS IT REALLY SUCH A SHOCK?
UGGGGGH
SOB
SOB
WAH
WELL, DUH!
YOU ONLY GET ONE FIRST KISS, Y'KNOW!
Oh my freaking god!
SORRY, KOHANE-CHAN.
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS.
...
YOU'LL... TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?
I MEAN, YOU ARE MY BUNNY, AFTER ALL.

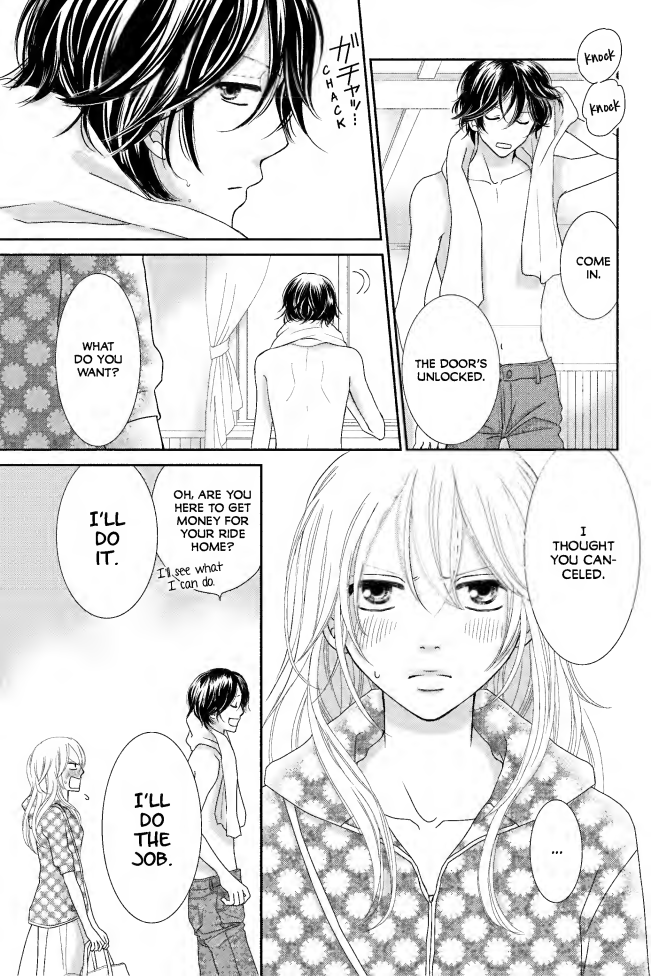

I'LL GO ALL THE WAY AND FINISH WHAT I'VE STARTED...
...SO DON'T YOU WORRY.
smiling like he's rubbing ☆ it in
...HURK...
I-
I'M GOING HOME!
EXCUSE ME?!
WHAT ABOUT THE GIG?!
SORRY, BUT I'M CANCELING!
I'M JUST NOT IN THE MOOD!
OH, JEEZ.
KOHANE-CHAAAN...
NOOOO!
NEVER!
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT I'M TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING HERE!
NOOOOO!
WAAAAAH

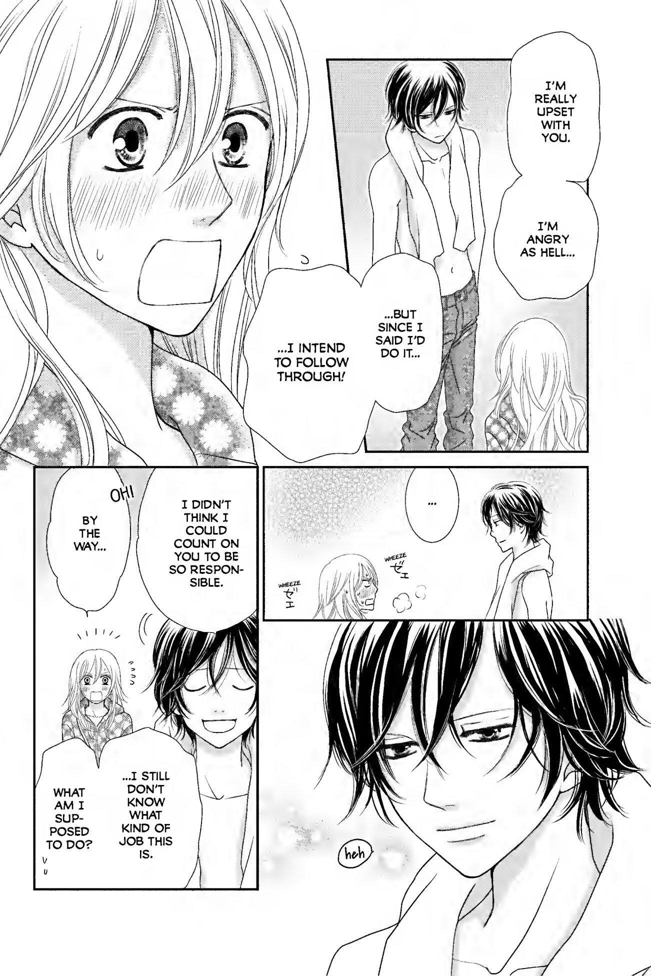

...DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
TUG
STOP IT!
AND HERE...
...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GOOD PERSON, IORI!
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
...YOU WENT THAT FAR, PRETENDING TO BE AFRAID AND EVERYTHING.
WHAT GIVES YOU THE IDEA YOU CAN PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S FEELINGS LIKE THAT?!
YOU'RE THE WORST!
SLAM
HIS SISTER! YEAH, RIGHT!

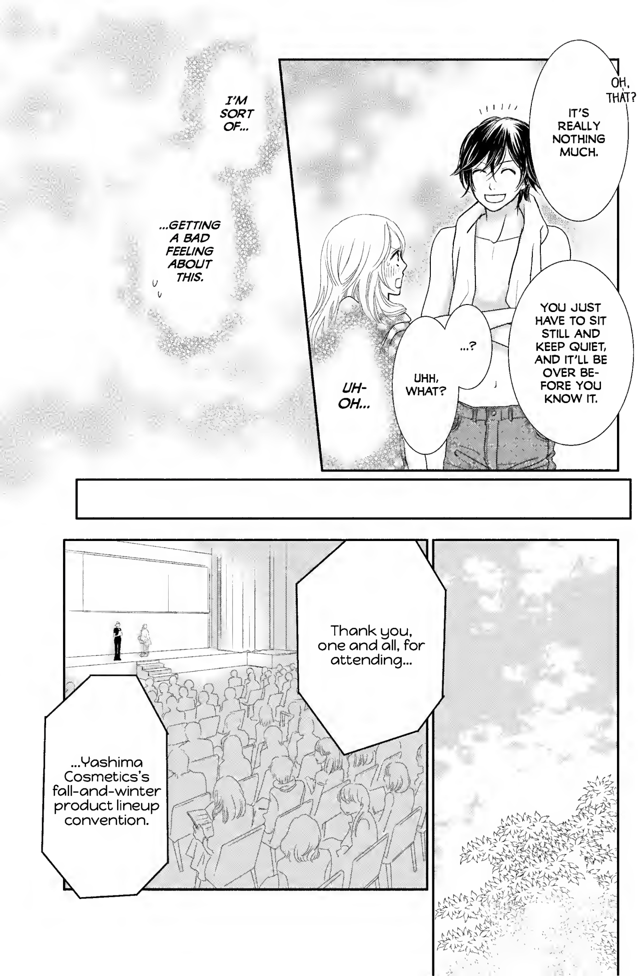

I FELL FOR IT, AND HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT FACT...
...TO LAUGH AT ME BEHIND MY BACK!
I WAS A FOOL FOR TRUSTING HIM!
HELLO?
OH,
HI, BOSS.
DOES THAT PERSON WORK FOR YASHIMA?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M AT THE VILLA TO PICK HIM UP.
I'M HERE A LITTLE EARLY, SO I'M WAITING NEARBY.
HUH?
YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT! HIS FAMILY MAY OWN THE COMPANY...
...BUT IT'S STILL REALLY RUDE OF HIM TO SUDDENLY WANT EVERYTHING CHANGED FOR HIS SAKE.
HE SAID HE HAD THIS GREAT AMATEUR HE WANTED US TO USE FOR THE EVENT.

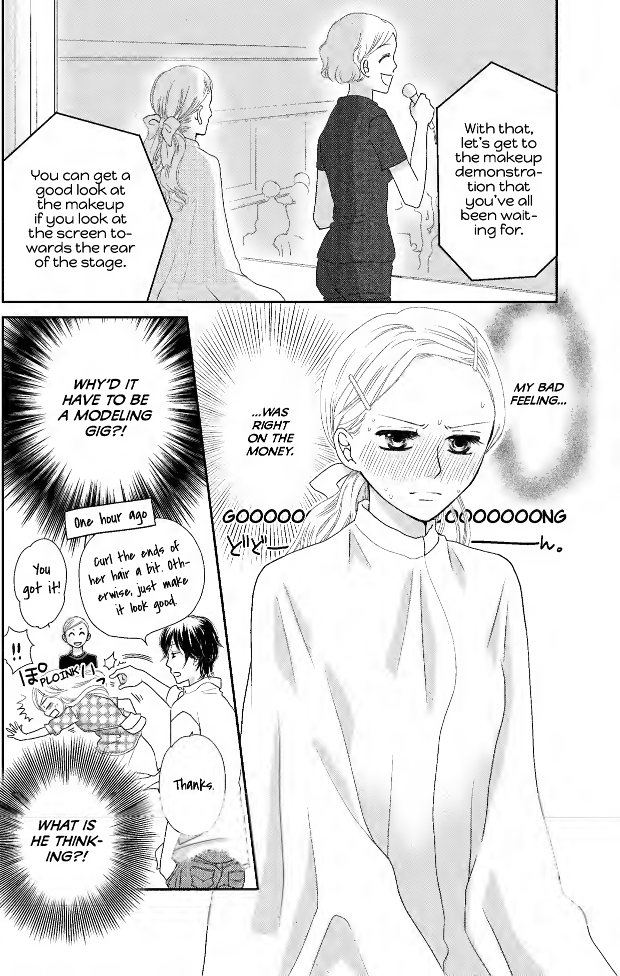

IT WAS A HUGE HASSLE HAVING TO CALL ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO APOLOGIZE AND CANCEL.
I know...
...a great gig for you.
Yashima Cosmetics holds a convention in Karuizawa every year around this time to show off our new products.
I think it pays about 30,000 yen* for a day's work.
IORI...
KNOCK
KNOCK
HEY.

*About $300


knock
knock
COME IN.
THE DOOR'S UNLOCKED.
ガチャッ…
CHACK
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I THOUGHT YOU CANCELED.
...
OH, ARE YOU HERE TO GET MONEY FOR YOUR RIDE HOME?
I'll see what I can do.
I'LL DO IT.
I'LL DO THE JOB.


I'M REALLY UPSET WITH YOU.
I'M ANGRY AS HELL...
...BUT SINCE I SAID I'D DO IT...
...I INTEND TO FOLLOW THROUGH!
...
WHEEZE ゼェ
WHEEZE ゼェ
heh
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD COUNT ON YOU TO BE SO RESPONSIBLE.
OH! BY THE WAY...
...I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF JOB THIS IS.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?


OH, THAT?
IT'S REALLY NOTHING MUCH.
YOU JUST HAVE TO SIT STILL AND KEEP QUIET, AND IT'LL BE OVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
...?
UHH, WHAT?
UH-OH...
I'M SORT OF...
...GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
Thank you, one and all, for attending...
...Yashima Cosmetics's fall-and-winter product lineup convention.


With that, let's get to the makeup demonstration that you've all been waiting for.
You can get a good look at the makeup if you look at the screen towards the rear of the stage.
MY BAD FEELING...
...WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
GOOOOO
OOOOOOOONG
どど ー
ーん。
WHY'D IT HAVE TO BE A MODELING GIG?!
One hour ago
Curl the ends of her hair a bit. Otherwise, just make it look good.
You got it!
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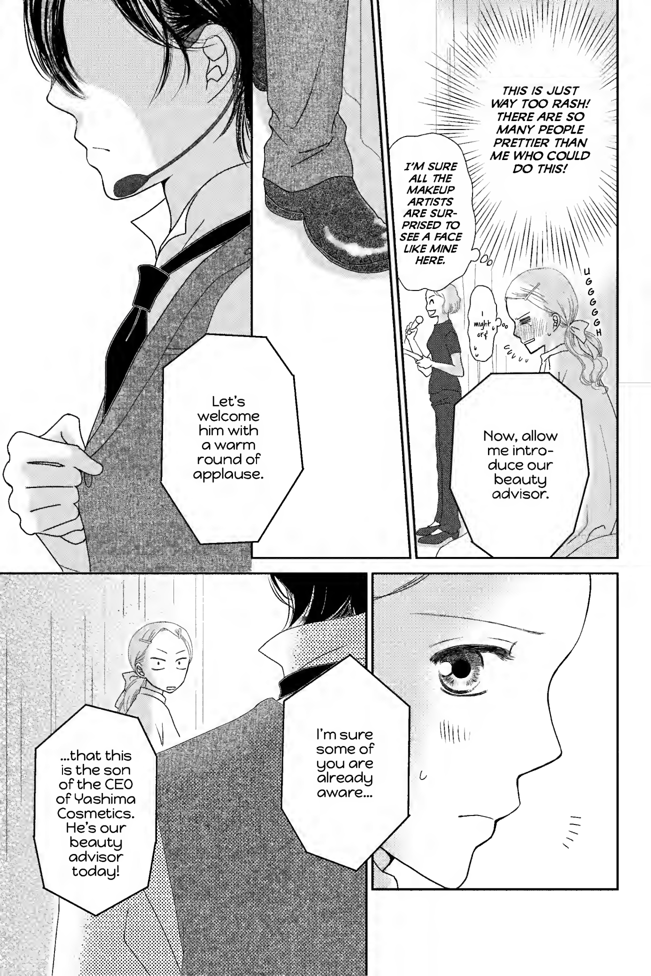
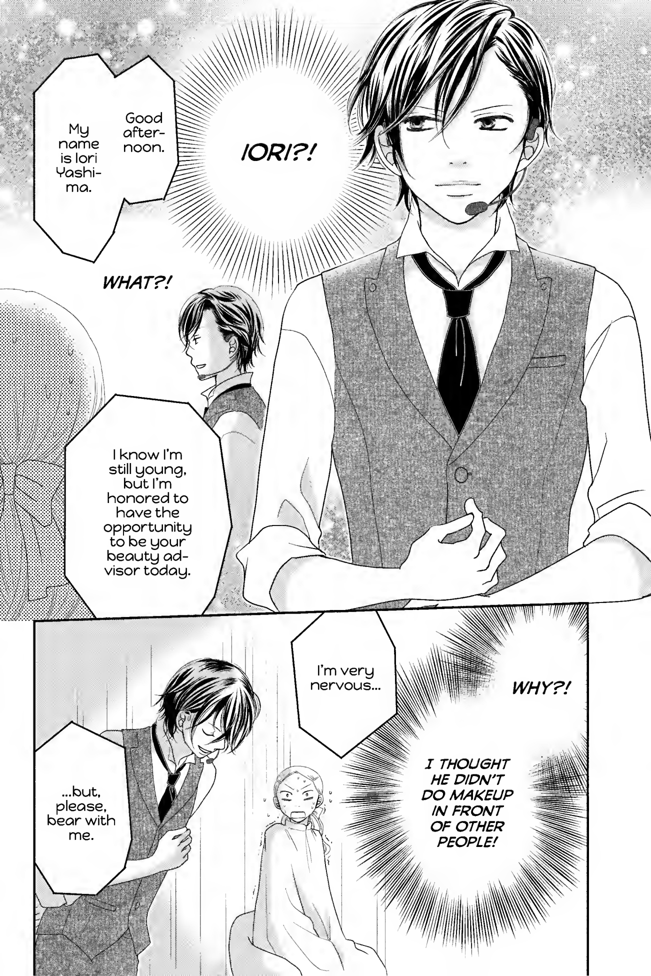
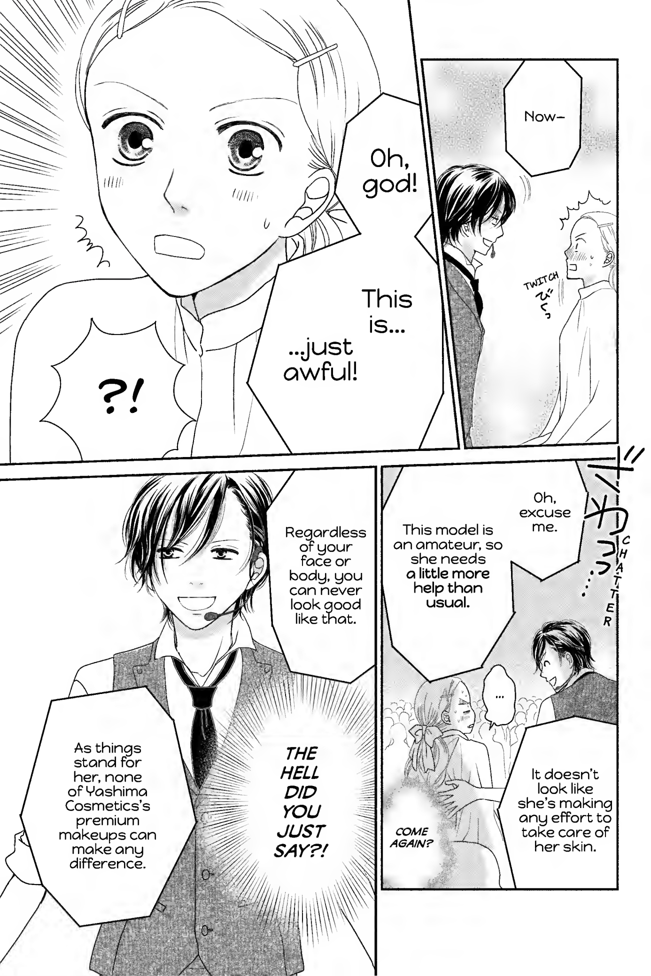
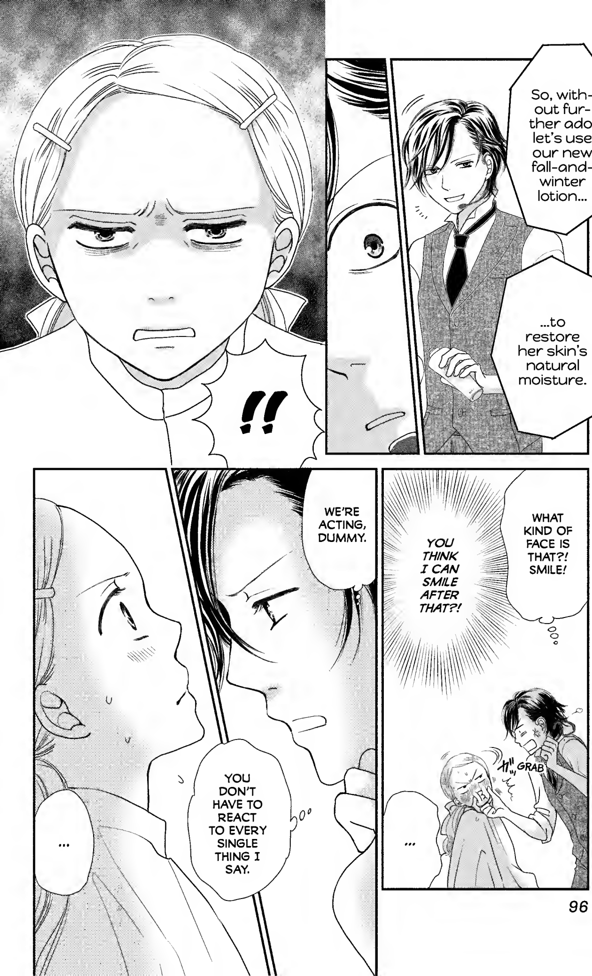
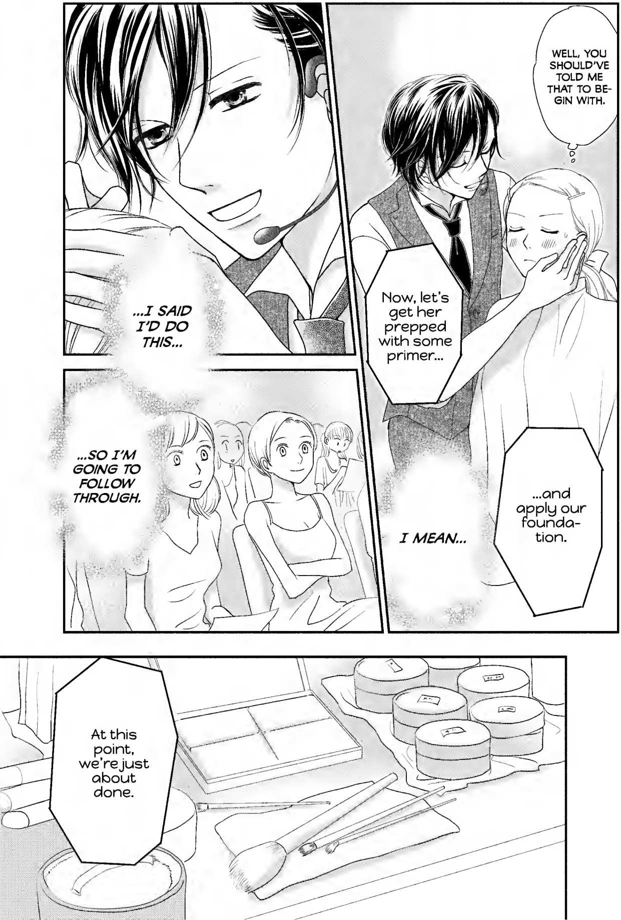
PLOINK!!
Thanks.
WHAT IS HE THINKING?!

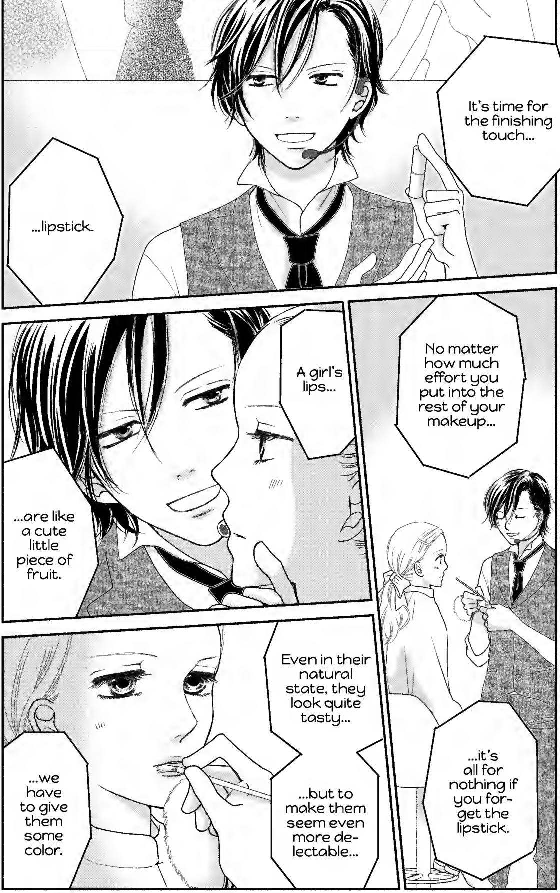

THIS IS JUST WAY TOO RASH! THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE PRETTIER THAN ME WHO COULD DO THIS!
I'M SURE ALL THE MAKEUP ARTISTS ARE SURPRISED TO SEE A FACE LIKE MINE HERE.
UGGGGGH
I might cry!
Now, allow me introduce our beauty advisor.
Let's welcome him with a warm round of applause.
I'm sure some of you are already aware...
...that this is the son of the CEO of Yashima Cosmetics. He's our beauty advisor today!

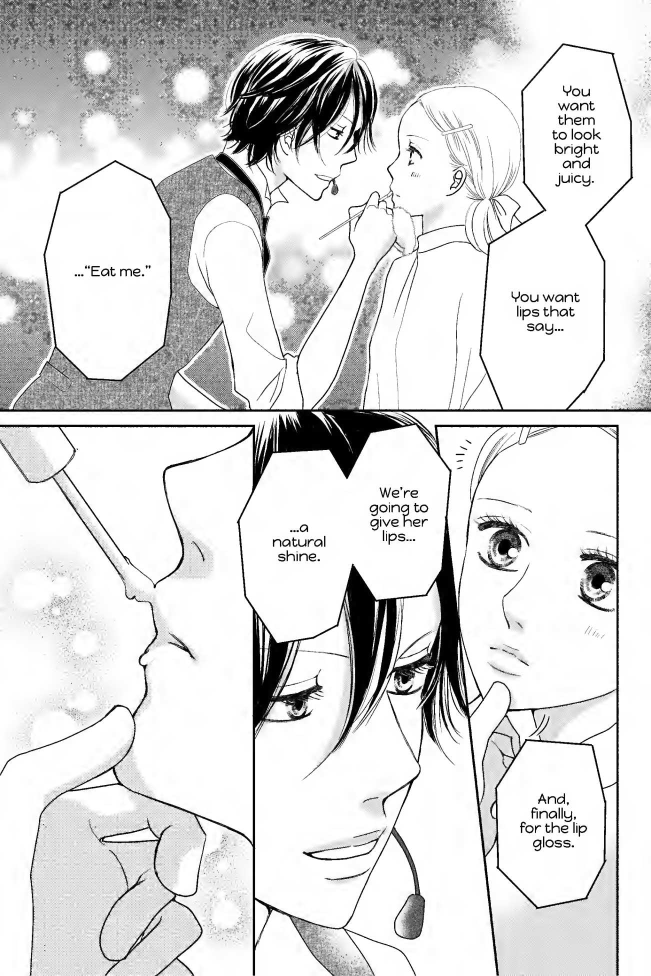

Good afternoon.
My name is Iori Yashima.
IORI?!
WHAT?!
I know I'm still young, but I'm honored to have the opportunity to be your beauty advisor today.
WHY?!
I'm very nervous...
I THOUGHT HE DIDN'T DO MAKEUP IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE!
...but, please, bear with me.

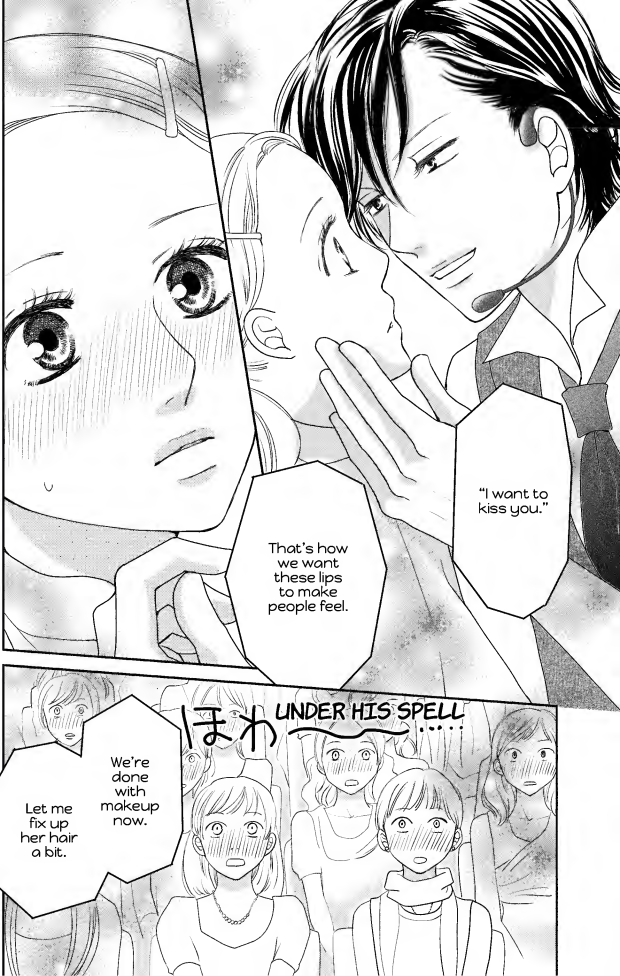

Now—
TWITCH
Oh, god!
This is...
...just awful!
?!
Oh, excuse me.
This model is an amateur, so she needs **a little more help than usual.**
CHATTER
...
It doesn't look like she's making any effort to take care of her skin.
COME AGAIN?
Regardless of your face or body, you can never look good like that.
As things stand for her, none of Yashima Cosmetics's premium makeups can make any difference.
THE HELL DID YOU JUST SAY?!

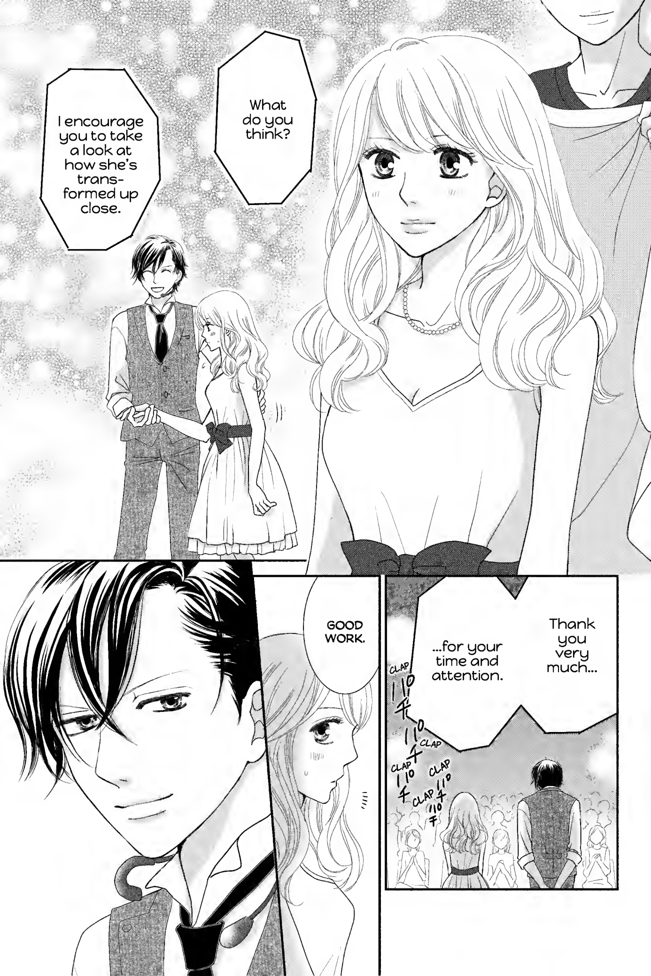

So, without further ado, let's use our new fall-and-winter lotion...
...to restore her skin's natural moisture.
!!
WHAT KIND OF FACE IS THAT?! SMILE!
YOU THINK I CAN SMILE AFTER THAT?!
GRAB
...
WE'RE ACTING, DUMMY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REACT TO EVERY SINGLE THING I SAY.
...

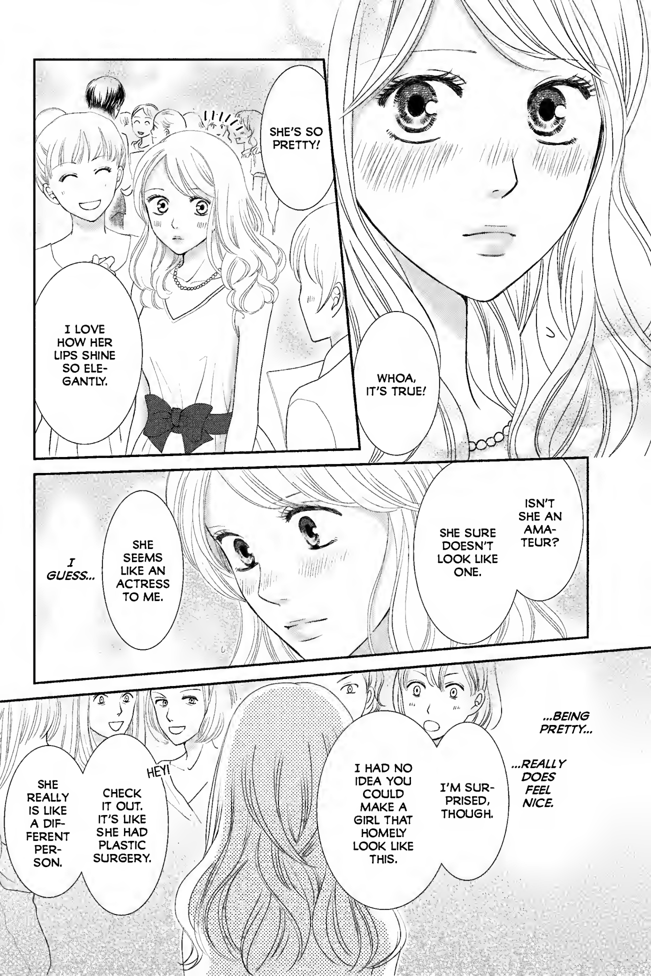

WELL, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME THAT TO BEGIN WITH.
Now, let's get her prepped with some primer...
...and apply our foundation.
I MEAN...
...I SAID I'D DO THIS...
...SO I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THROUGH.
At this point, we're just about done.

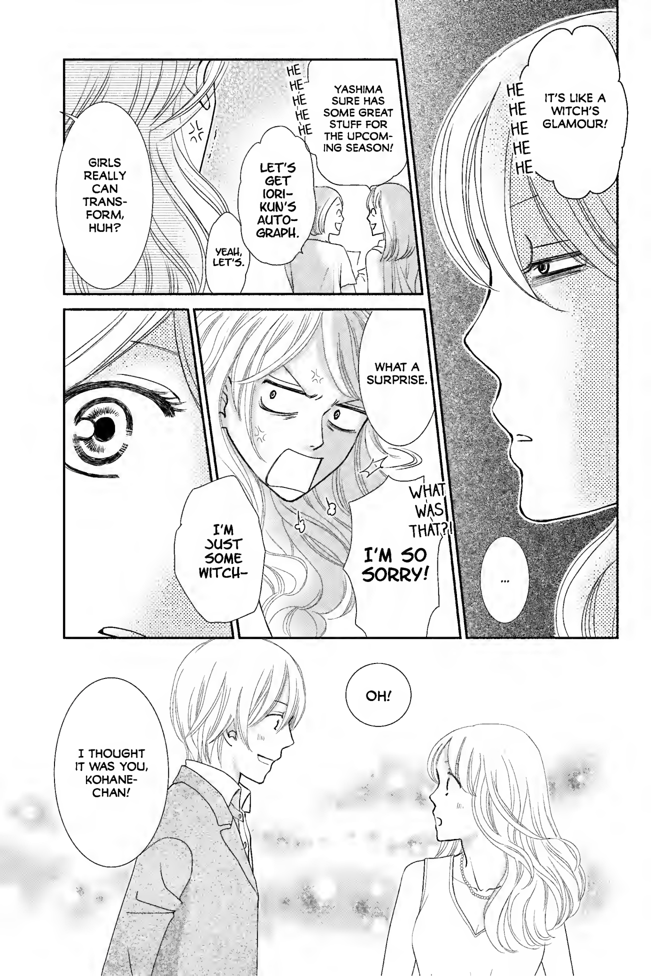

It's time for the finishing touch...
...lipstick.
No matter how much effort you put into the rest of your makeup...
...it's all for nothing if you forget the lipstick.
A girl's lips...
...are like a cute little piece of fruit.
Even in their natural state, they look quite tasty...
...but to make them seem even more delectable...
...we have to give them some color.

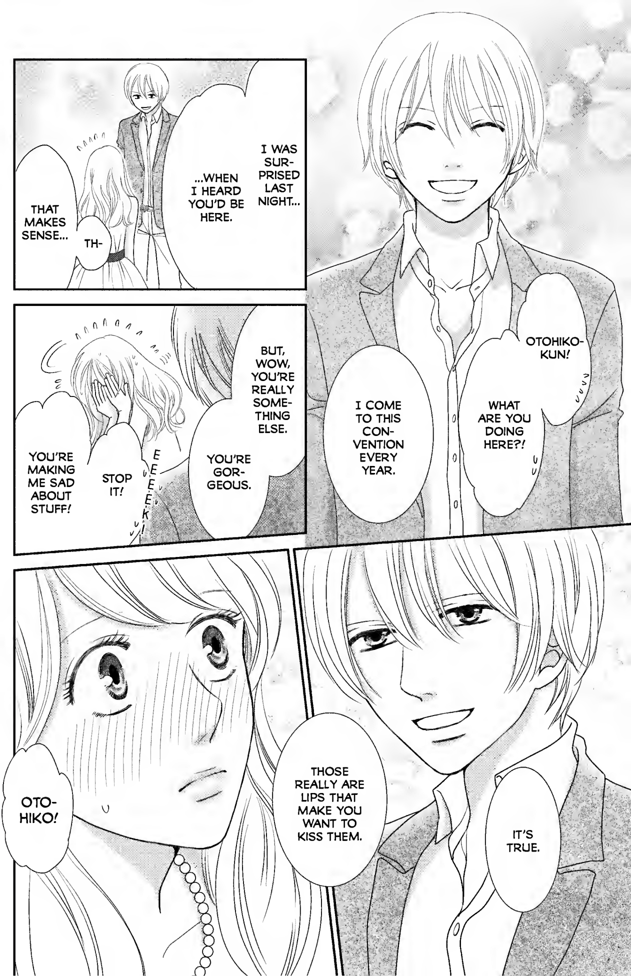

You want them to look bright and juicy.
You want lips that say...
..."Eat me."
And, finally, for the lip gloss.
We're going to give her lips...
...a natural shine.

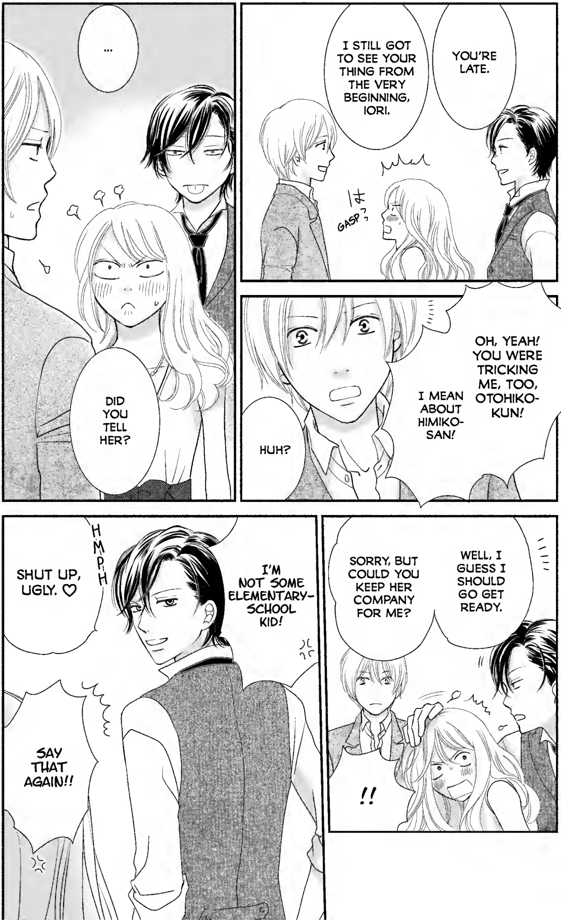

"I want to kiss you."
That's how we want these lips to make people feel.
ほわ UNDER HIS SPELL……
We're done with makeup now.
Let me fix up her hair a bit.

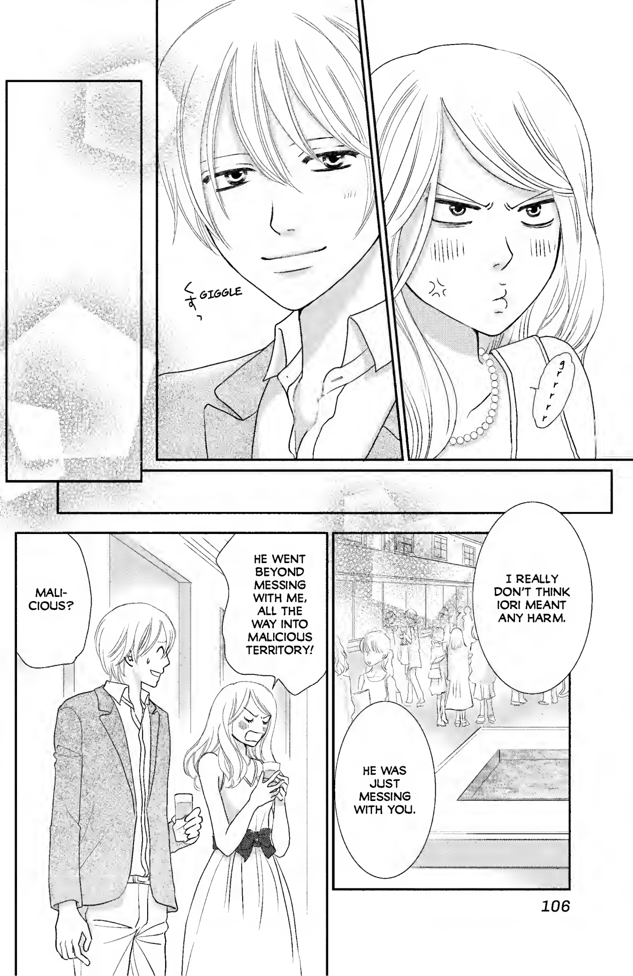

What do you think?
I encourage you to take a look at how she's transformed up close.
Thank you very much...
...for your time and attention.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
GOOD WORK.

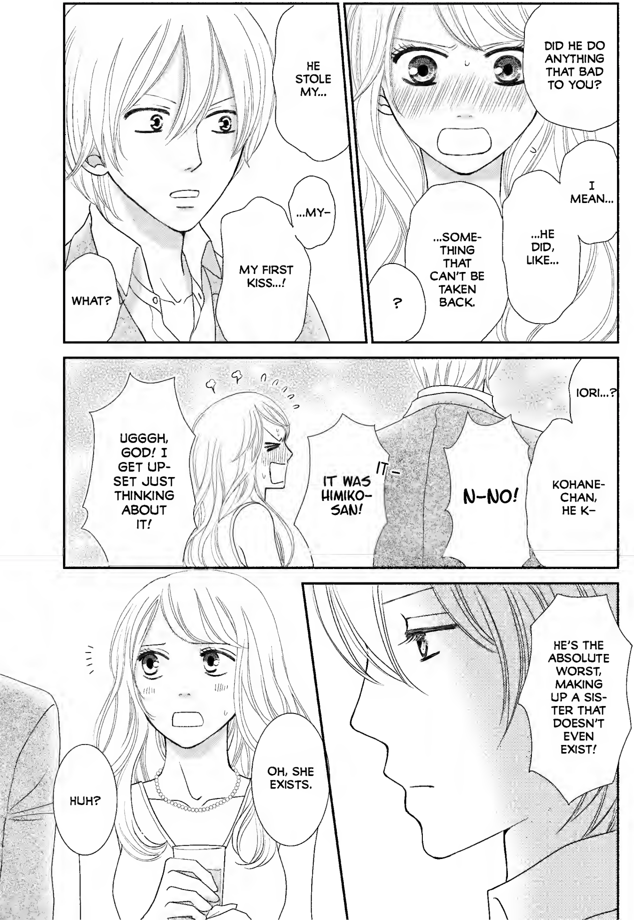

SHE'S SO PRETTY!
WHOA, IT'S TRUE!
I LOVE HOW HER LIPS SHINE SO ELEGANTLY.
ISN'T SHE AN AMATEUR?
SHE SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ONE.
SHE SEEMS LIKE AN ACTRESS TO ME.
I GUESS...
...BEING PRETTY...
...REALLY DOES FEEL NICE.
I'M SURPRISED, THOUGH.
I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD MAKE A GIRL THAT HOMELY LOOK LIKE THIS.
HEY!
CHECK IT OUT. IT'S LIKE SHE HAD PLASTIC SURGERY.
SHE REALLY IS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

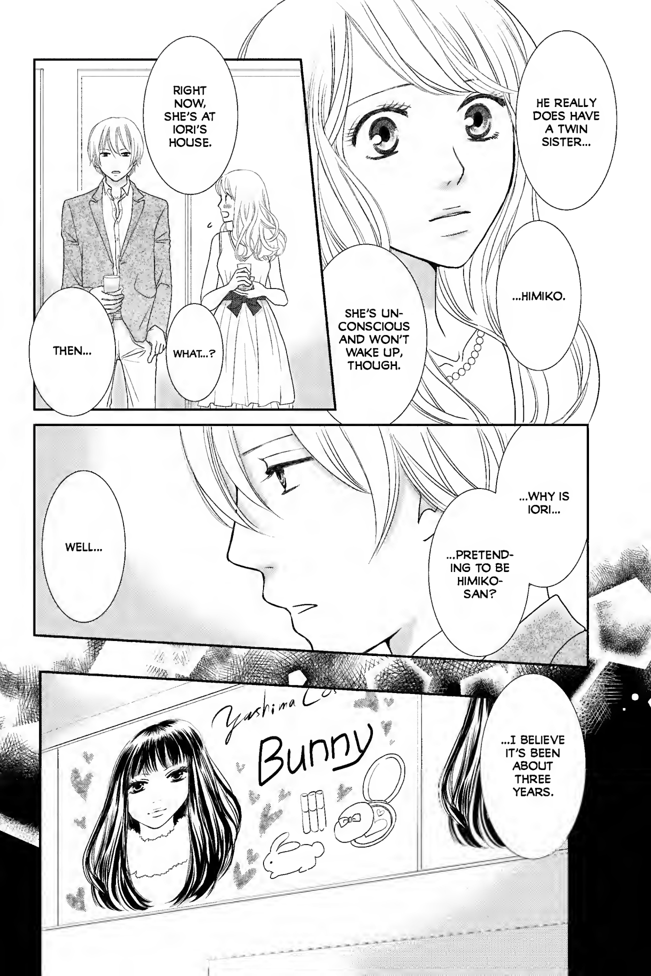

HE HE HE HE HE
IT'S LIKE A WITCH'S GLAMOUR!
YASHIMA SURE HAS SOME GREAT STUFF FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON!
HE HE HE HE HE
LET'S GET IORI-KUN'S AUTOGRAPH.
YEAH, LET'S.
GIRLS REALLY CAN TRANSFORM, HUH?
...
WHAT A SURPRISE.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M JUST SOME WITCH-
OH!
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, KOHANE-CHAN!

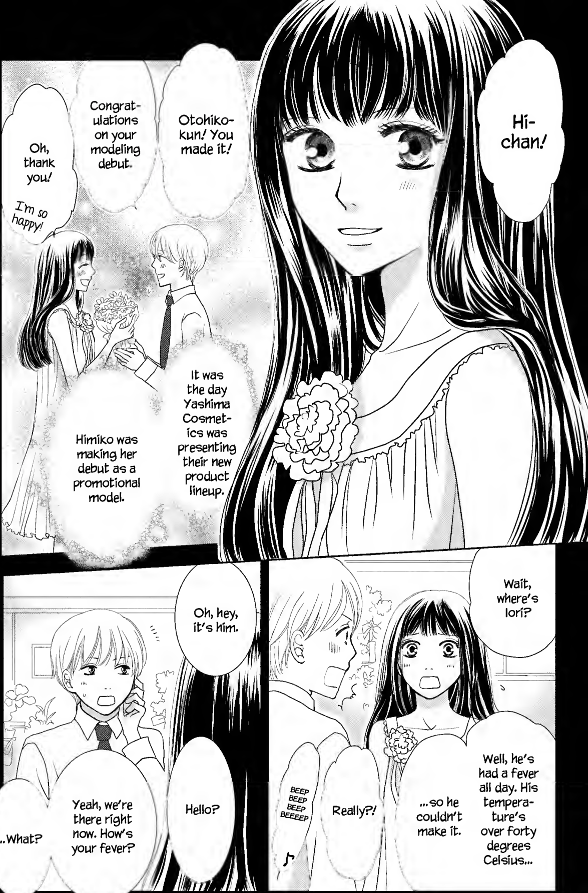

OTOHIKO-KUN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I COME TO THIS CONVENTION EVERY YEAR.
I WAS SURPRISED LAST NIGHT...
...WHEN I HEARD YOU'D BE HERE.
TH-
THAT MAKES SENSE...
BUT, WOW, YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE.
YOU'RE GORGEOUS.
EEEEK!
STOP IT!
YOU'RE MAKING ME SAD ABOUT STUFF!
IT'S TRUE.
THOSE REALLY ARE LIPS THAT MAKE YOU WANT TO KISS THEM.
OTO-HIKO!

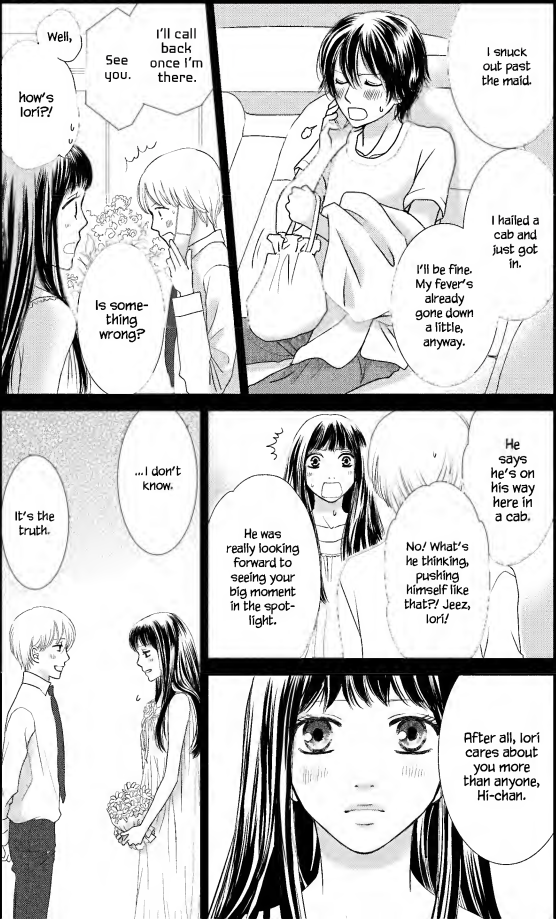

YOU'RE LATE.
I STILL GOT TO SEE YOUR THING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IORI.
は GASP
OH, YEAH! YOU WERE TRICKING ME, TOO, OTOHIKO-KUN!
I MEAN ABOUT HIMIKO-SAN!
HUH?
...
DID YOU TELL HER?
WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD GO GET READY.
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU KEEP HER COMPANY FOR ME?
!!
I'M NOT SOME ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL KID!
HMPH
SHUT UP, UGLY. ♡
SAY THAT AGAIN!!

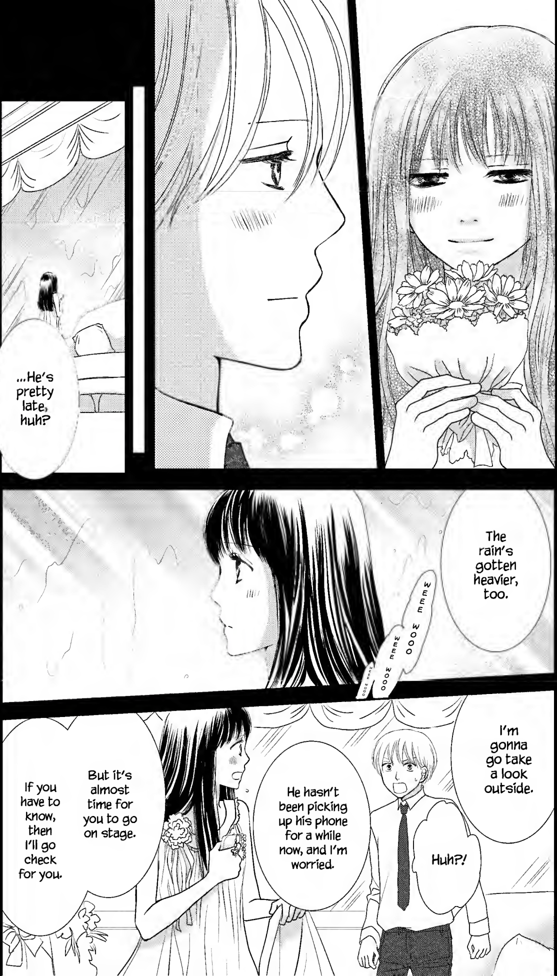

grrrrr
くすっ GIGGLE
I REALLY DON'T THINK IORI MEANT ANY HARM.
HE WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU.
HE WENT BEYOND MESSING WITH ME, ALL THE WAY INTO MALICIOUS TERRITORY!
MALICIOUS?

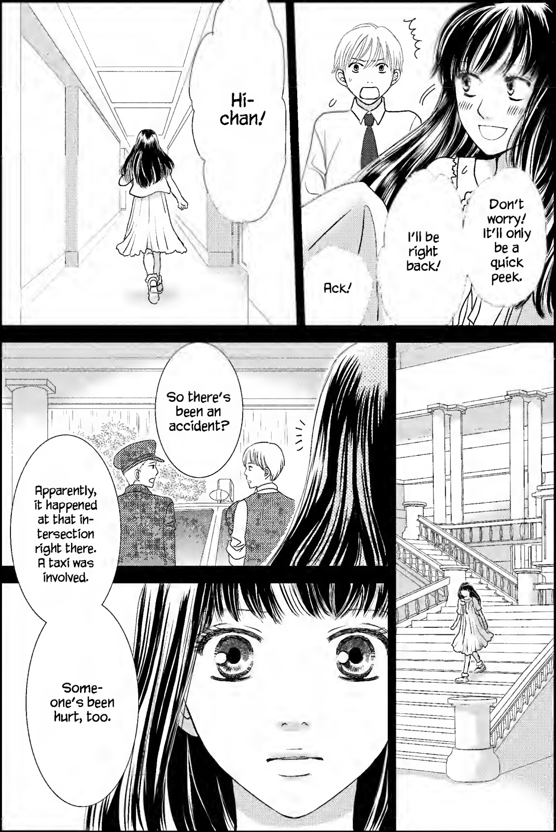

DID HE DO ANYTHING THAT BAD TO YOU?
I MEAN...
...HE DID, LIKE...
...SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE TAKEN BACK.
?
HE STOLE MY...
...MY-
MY FIRST KISS...!
WHAT?
IORI...?
KOHANE-CHAN, HE K-
N-NO!
IT-
IT WAS HIMIKO-SAN!
UGGGH, GOD! I GET UPSET JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!
HE'S THE ABSOLUTE WORST, MAKING UP A SISTER THAT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST!
OH, SHE EXISTS.
HUH?

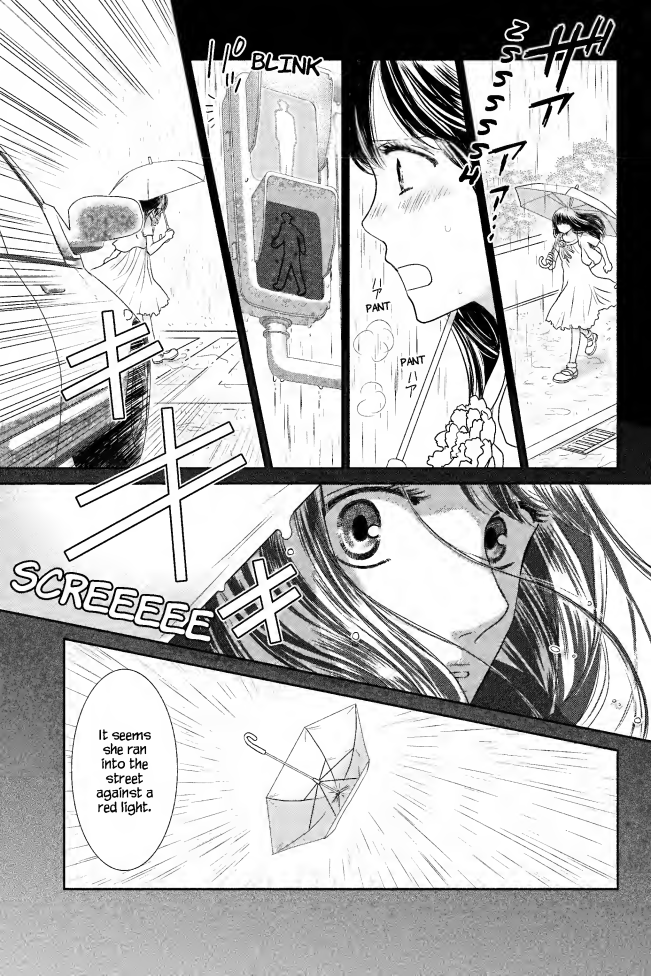

HE REALLY DOES HAVE A TWIN SISTER...
...HIMIKO.
RIGHT NOW, SHE'S AT IORI'S HOUSE.
SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS AND WON'T WAKE UP, THOUGH.
WHAT...?
THEN...
...WHY IS IORI...
...PRETENDING TO BE HIMIKO-SAN?
WELL...
Yashima Cos
Bunny
...I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ABOUT THREE YEARS.

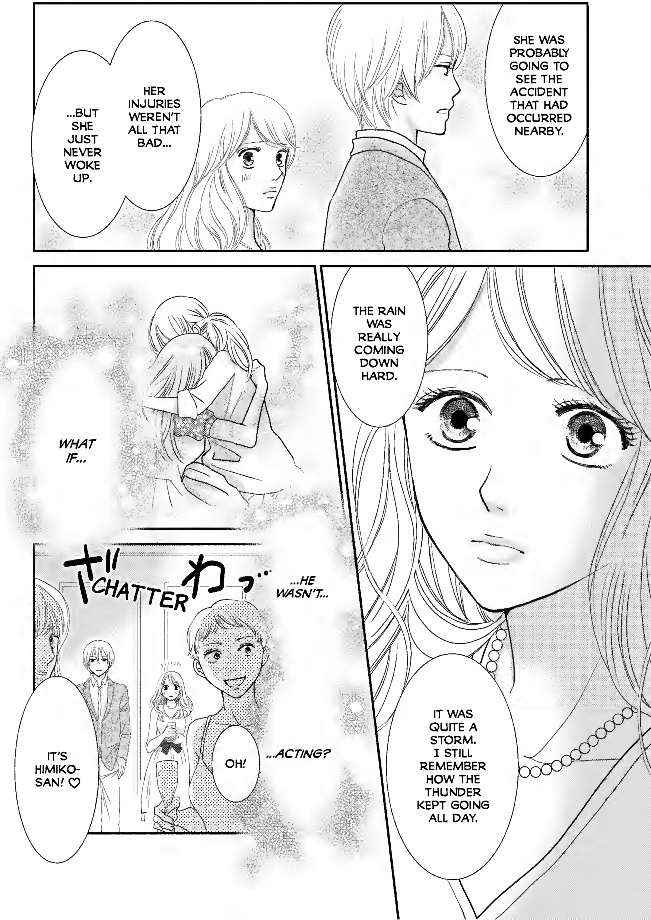

Hi-chan!
Otohiko-kun! You made it!
Congratulations on your modeling debut.
Oh, thank you!
I'm so happy!
It was the day Yashima Cosmetics was presenting their new product lineup.
Himiko was making her debut as a promotional model.
Wait, where's Iori?
Well, he's had a fever all day. His temperature's over forty degrees Celsius...
...so he couldn't make it.
Really?!
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEEEP
Oh, hey, it's him.
Hello?
Yeah, we're there right now. How's your fever?
...What?

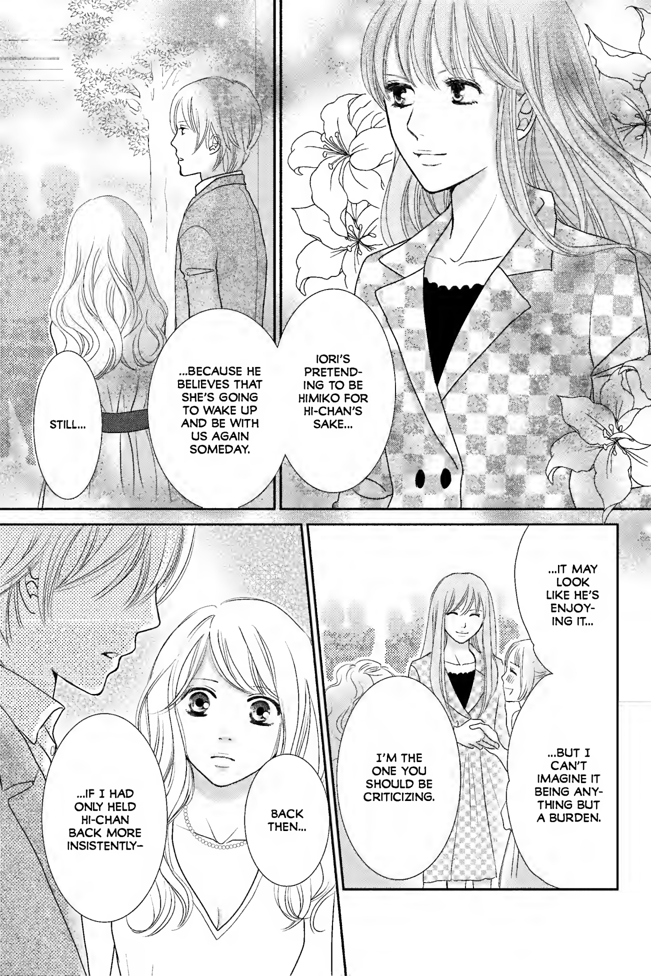

I snuck out past the maid.
I hailed a cab and just got in.
I'll be fine. My fever's already gone down a little, anyway.
I'll call back once I'm there.
See you.
Well,
how's Iori?!
Is something wrong?
He says he's on his way here in a cab.
No! What's he thinking, pushing himself like that?! Jeez, Iori!
He was really looking forward to seeing your big moment in the spotlight.
After all, Iori cares about you more than anyone, Hi-chan.
...I don't know.
It's the truth.

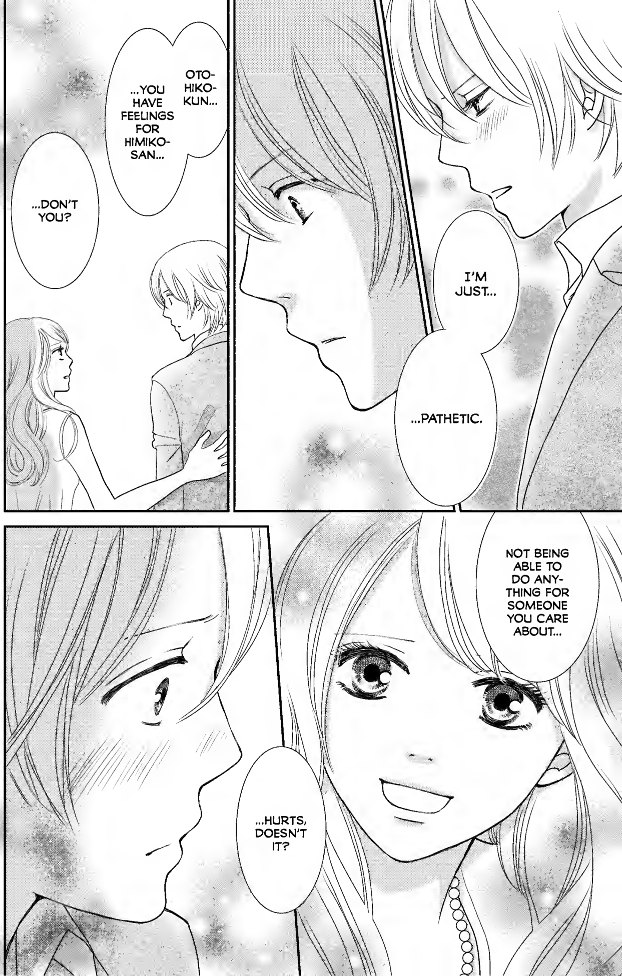

...He's pretty late, huh?
The rain's gotten heavier, too.
WEEE WOOO WEEE WOOO WEEE WOOO
I'm gonna go take a look outside.
Huh?!
He hasn't been picking up his phone for a while now, and I'm worried.
But it's almost time for you to go on stage.
If you have to know, then I'll go check for you.

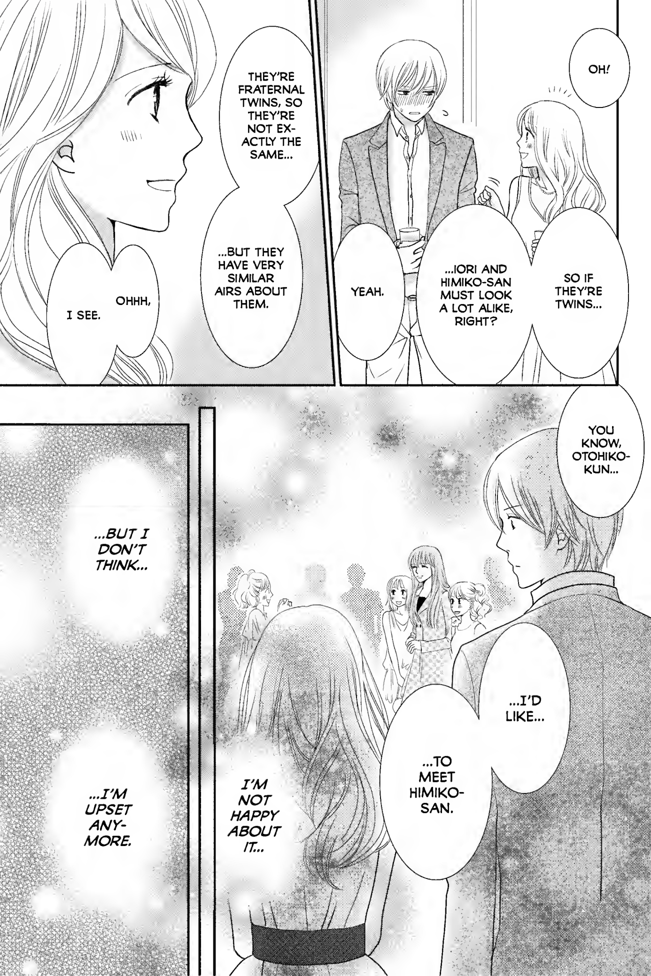

Don't worry! It'll only be a quick peek.
I'll be right back!
Ack!
Hi-chan!
So there's been an accident?
Apparently, it happened at that intersection right there. A taxi was involved.
Someone's been hurt, too.

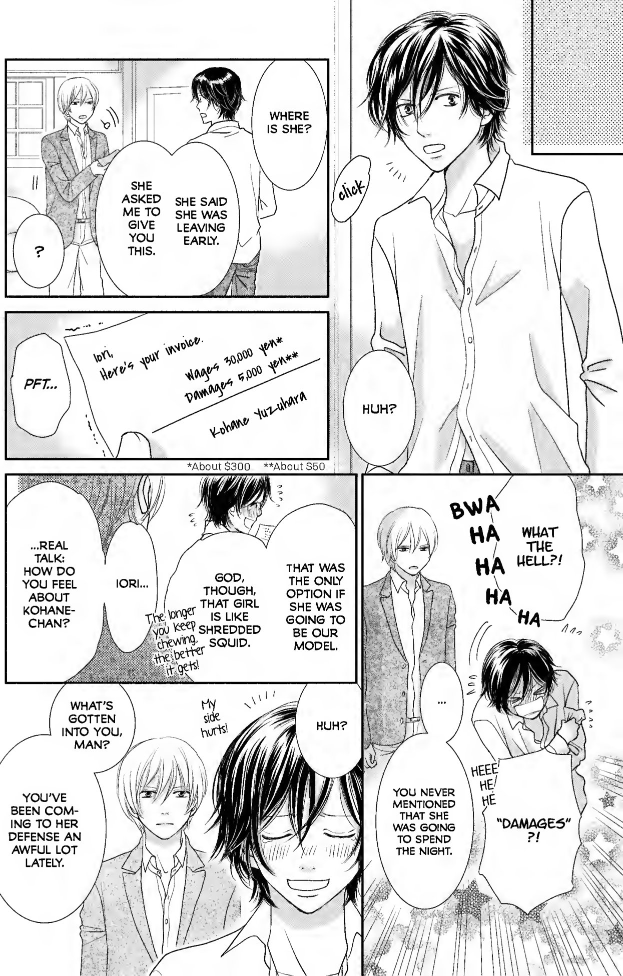

ザァアア…!
SSSSSSH
パッ
BLINK
ハッ
PANT
PANT
ハァ
キキキ
SCREEEEEE
It seems she ran into the street against a red light.


SHE WAS PROBABLY GOING TO SEE THE ACCIDENT THAT HAD OCCURRED NEARBY.
HER INJURIES WEREN'T ALL THAT BAD...
...BUT SHE JUST NEVER WOKE UP.
THE RAIN WAS REALLY COMING DOWN HARD.
IT WAS QUITE A STORM. I STILL REMEMBER HOW THE THUNDER KEPT GOING ALL DAY.
WHAT IF...
ザわっ
CHATTER
...HE WASN'T...
...ACTING?
OH!
IT'S HIMIKO-SAN! ♡

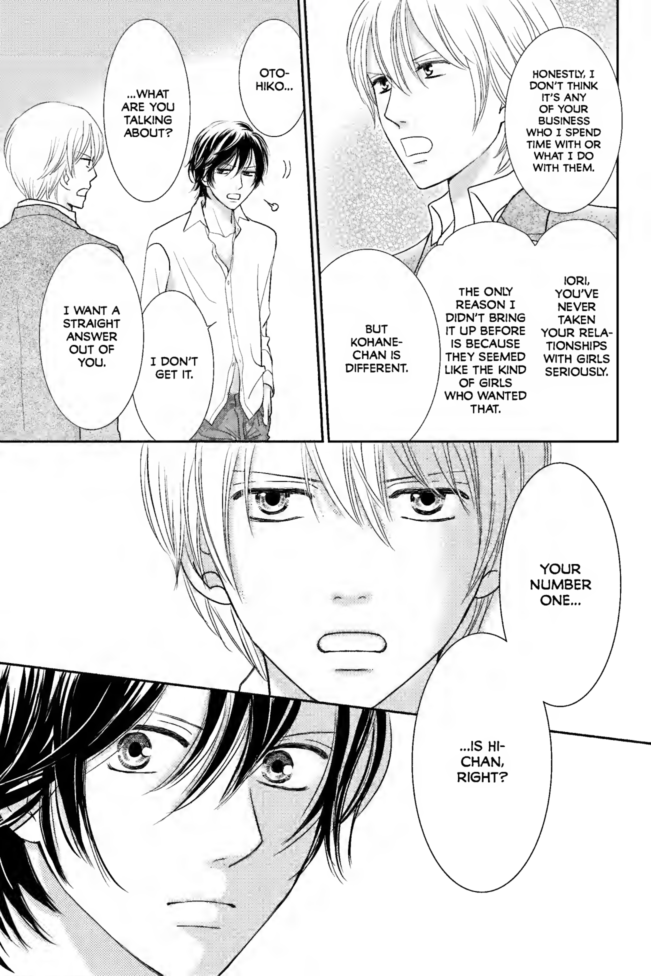

IORI'S PRETENDING TO BE HIMIKO FOR HI-CHAN'S SAKE...
...BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT SHE'S GOING TO WAKE UP AND BE WITH US AGAIN SOMEDAY.
STILL...
...IT MAY LOOK LIKE HE'S ENJOYING IT...
...BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE IT BEING ANYTHING BUT A BURDEN.
I'M THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE CRITICIZING.
BACK THEN...
...IF I HAD ONLY HELD HI-CHAN BACK MORE INSISTENTLY–

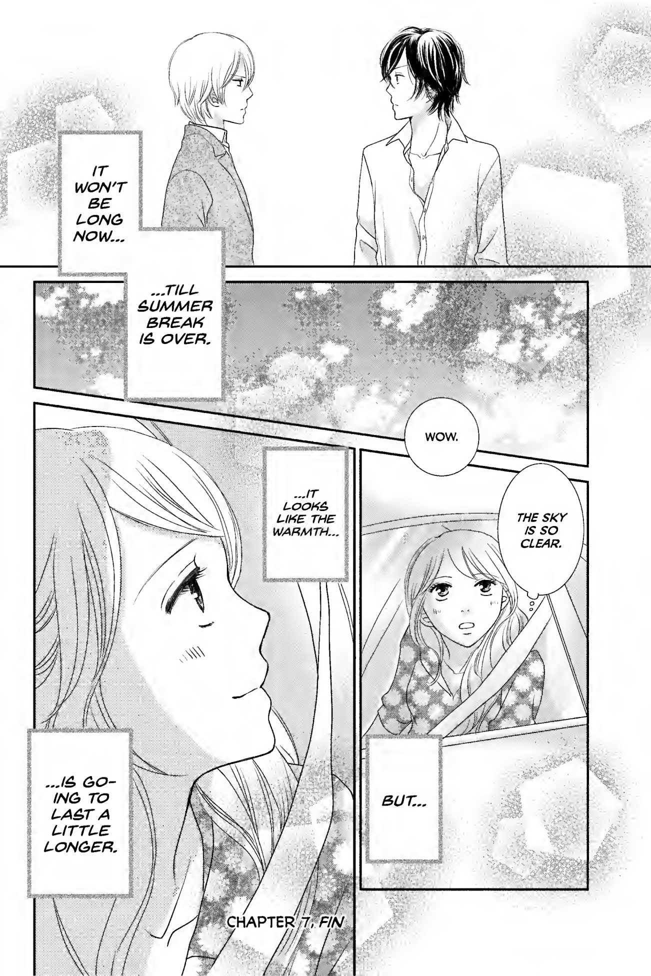

I'M JUST...
...PATHETIC.
OTO-HIKO-KUN...
...YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIMIKO-SAN...
...DON'T YOU?
NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING FOR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT...
...HURTS, DOESN'T IT?


OH!
SO IF THEY'RE TWINS...
...IORI AND HIMIKO-SAN MUST LOOK A LOT ALIKE, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THEY'RE FRATERNAL TWINS, SO THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY THE SAME...
...BUT THEY HAVE VERY SIMILAR AIRS ABOUT THEM.
OHHH, I SEE.
YOU KNOW, OTOHIKO-KUN...
...I'D LIKE...
...TO MEET HIMIKO-SAN.
I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT...
...BUT I DON'T THINK...
...I'M UPSET ANYMORE.


click
HUH?
WHERE IS SHE?
SHE SAID SHE WAS LEAVING EARLY.
SHE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.
?
Iori, Here's your invoice.
Wages 30,000 yen*
Damages 5,000 yen**
Kohane Yuzuhara
PFT...
BWA HA HA HA HA
WHAT THE HELL?!
"DAMAGES"?!
HEEE HE HE
...
YOU NEVER MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT.
THAT WAS THE ONLY OPTION IF SHE WAS GOING TO BE OUR MODEL.
GOD, THOUGH, THAT GIRL IS LIKE SHREDDED SQUID.
The longer you keep chewing, the better it gets!
IORI...
...REAL TALK: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT KOHANE-CHAN?
HUH?
My side hurts!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, MAN?
YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO HER DEFENSE AN AWFUL LOT LATELY.

*About $300 **About $50


HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS WHO I SPEND TIME WITH OR WHAT I DO WITH THEM.
IORI, YOU'VE NEVER TAKEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GIRLS SERIOUSLY.
THE ONLY REASON I DIDN'T BRING IT UP BEFORE IS BECAUSE THEY SEEMED LIKE THE KIND OF GIRLS WHO WANTED THAT.
BUT KOHANE-CHAN IS DIFFERENT.
OTOHIKO...
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T GET IT.
I WANT A STRAIGHT ANSWER OUT OF YOU.
YOUR NUMBER ONE...
...IS HI-CHAN, RIGHT?


IT WON'T BE LONG NOW...
...TILL SUMMER BREAK IS OVER.
WOW.
THE SKY IS SO CLEAR.
BUT...
...IT LOOKS LIKE THE WARMTH...
...IS GOING TO LAST A LITTLE LONGER.

CHAPTER 7, FIN

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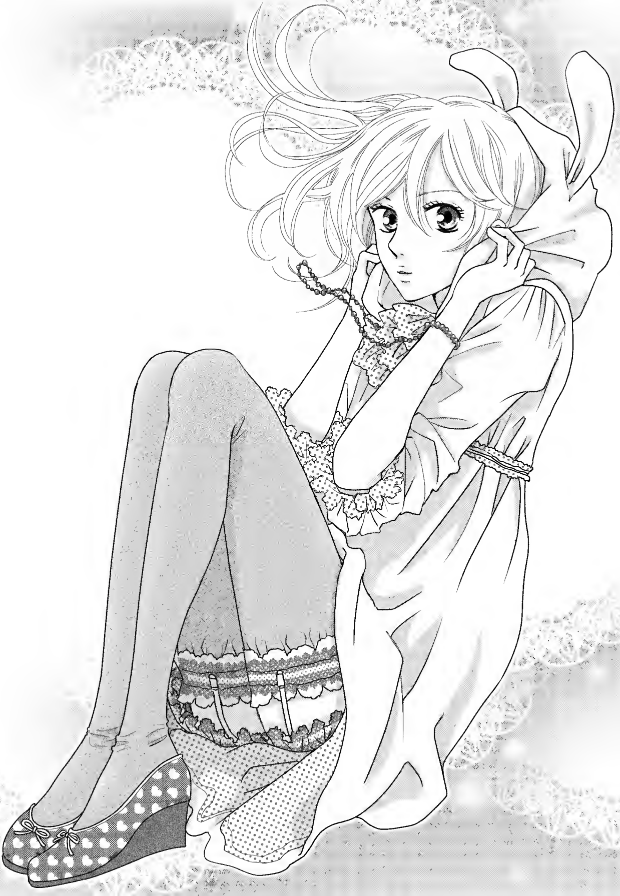
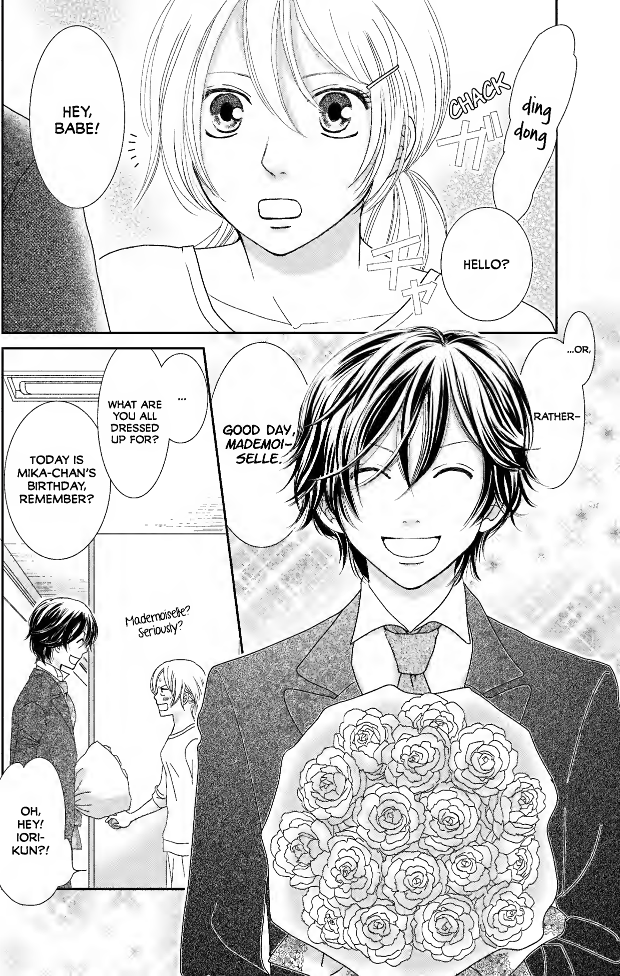
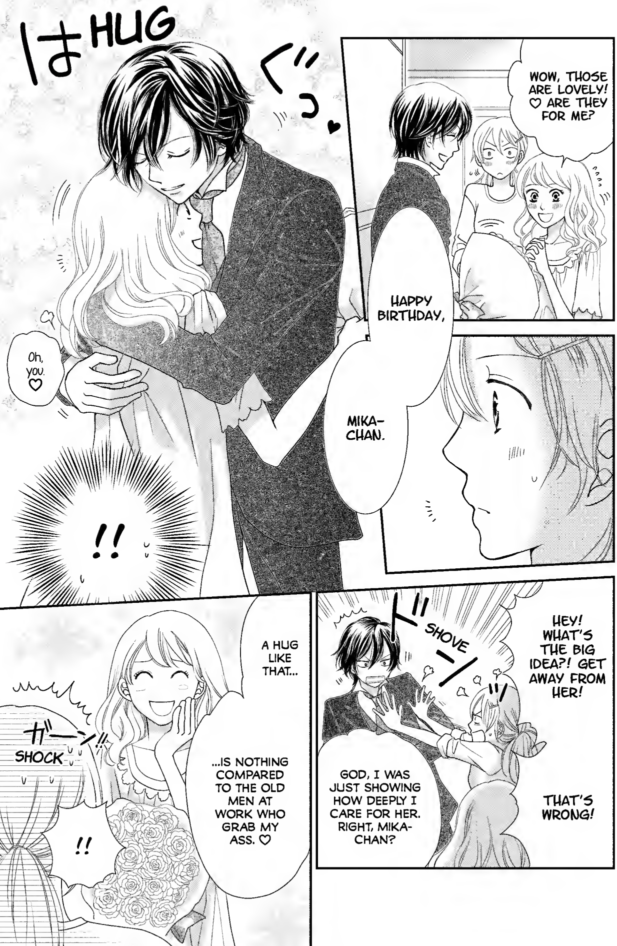
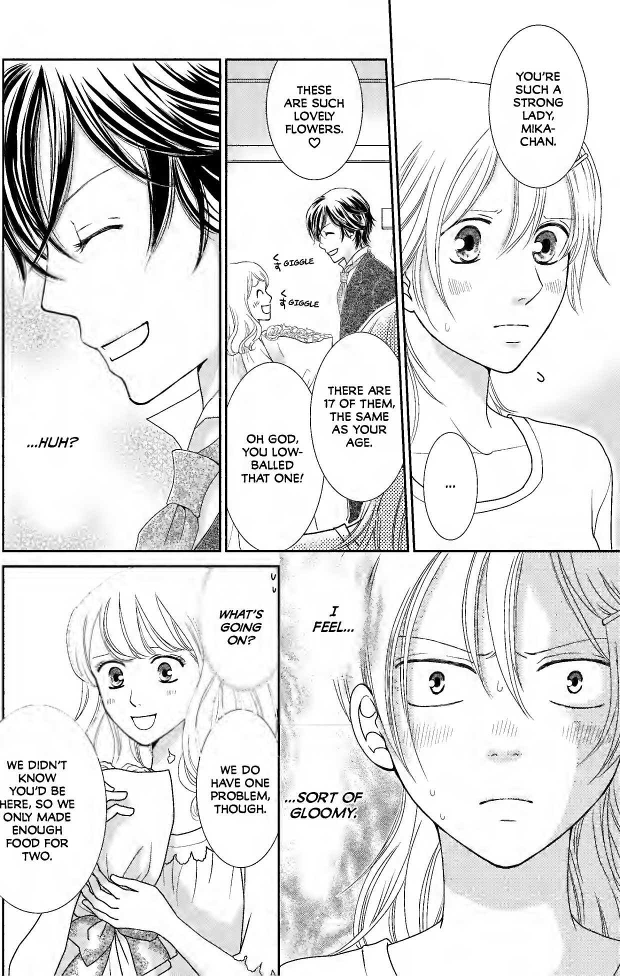
A Handmade Gift

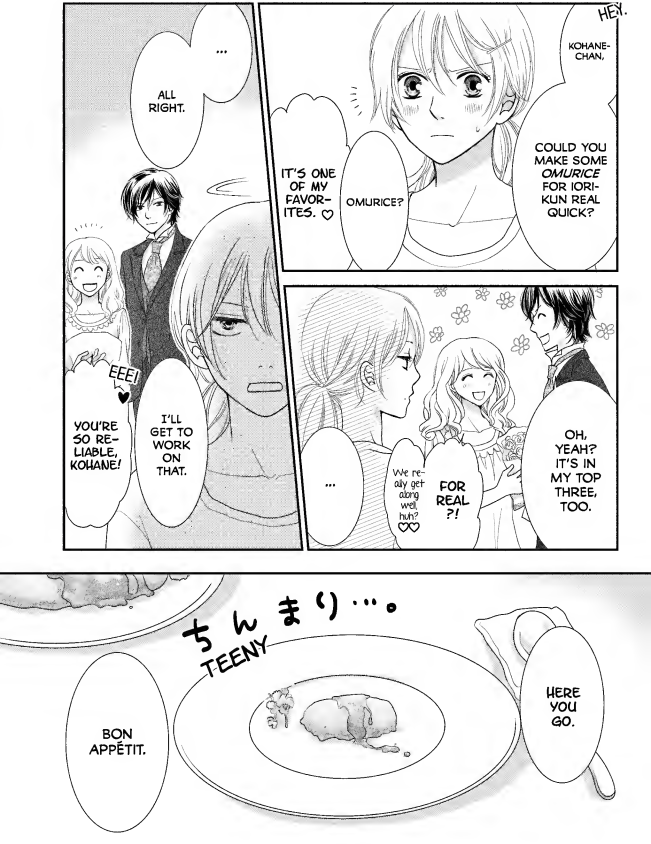
BeautyBunny

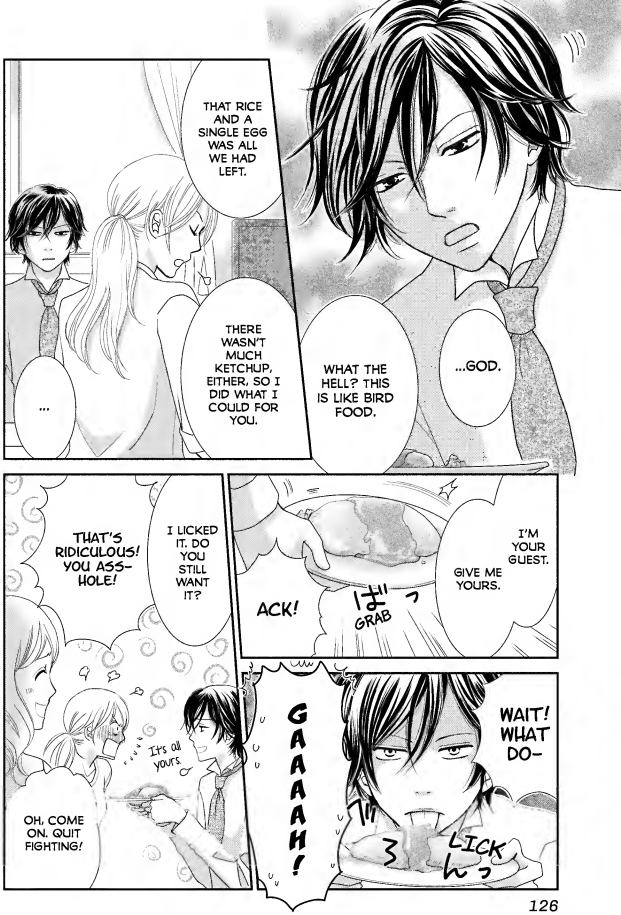


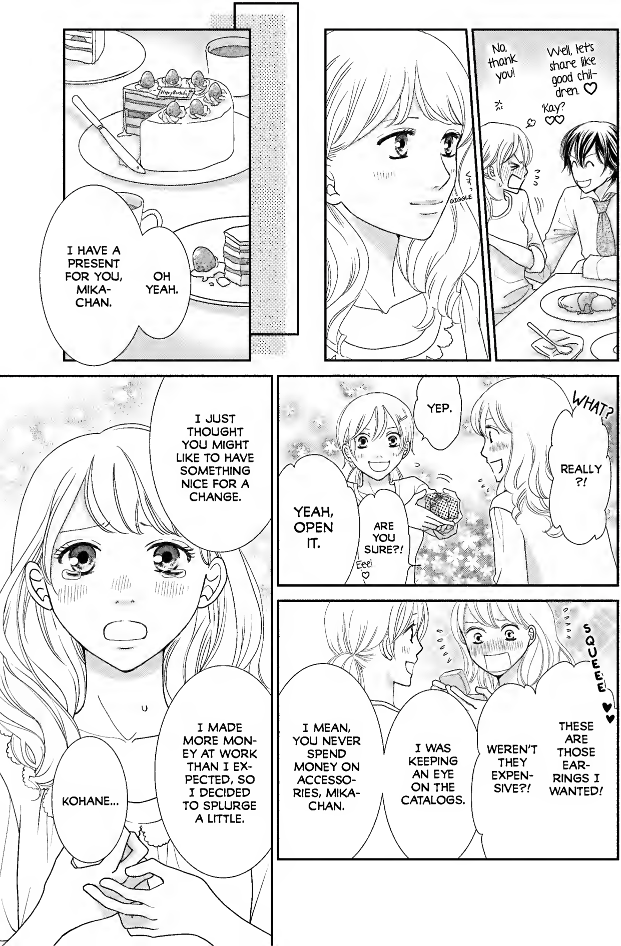

ding dong
CHACK
ガ
HELLO?
チャ
HEY, BABE!
...OR, RATHER-
GOOD DAY, MADEMOISELLE.
...
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DRESSED UP FOR?
TODAY IS MIKA-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY, REMEMBER?
Mademoiselle? Seriously?
OH, HEY! IORI-KUN?!

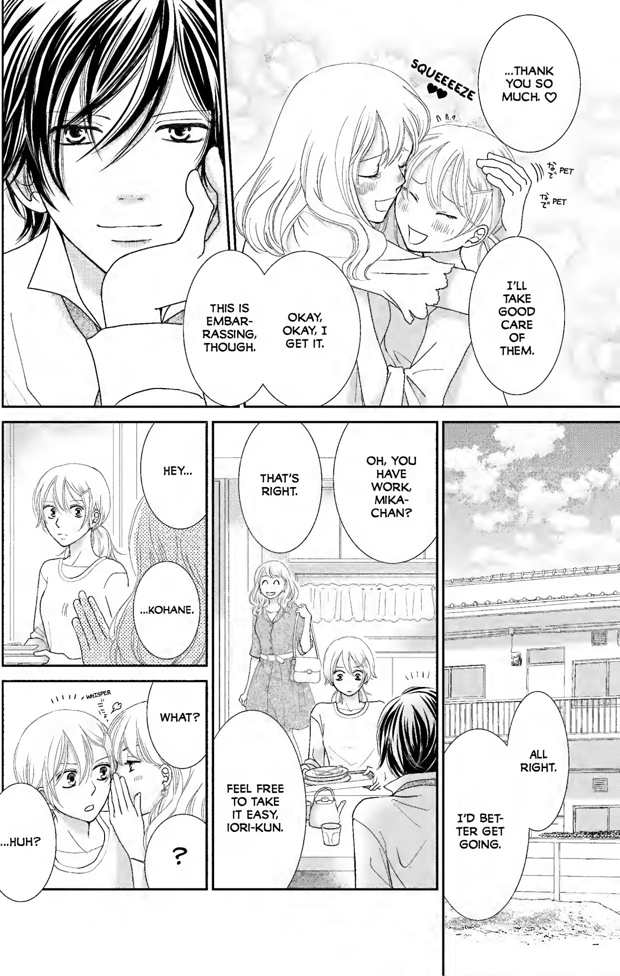

WOW, THOSE ARE LOVELY! ♡ ARE THEY FOR ME?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
MIKA-CHAN.
は HUG
ぐっ
Oh, you. ♡
!!
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! GET AWAY FROM HER!
ドン SHOVE
GOD, I WAS JUST SHOWING HOW DEEPLY I CARE FOR HER. RIGHT, MIKA-CHAN?
THAT'S WRONG!
A HUG LIKE THAT...
...IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE OLD MEN AT WORK WHO GRAB MY ASS. ♡
ガーン!! SHOCK
!!

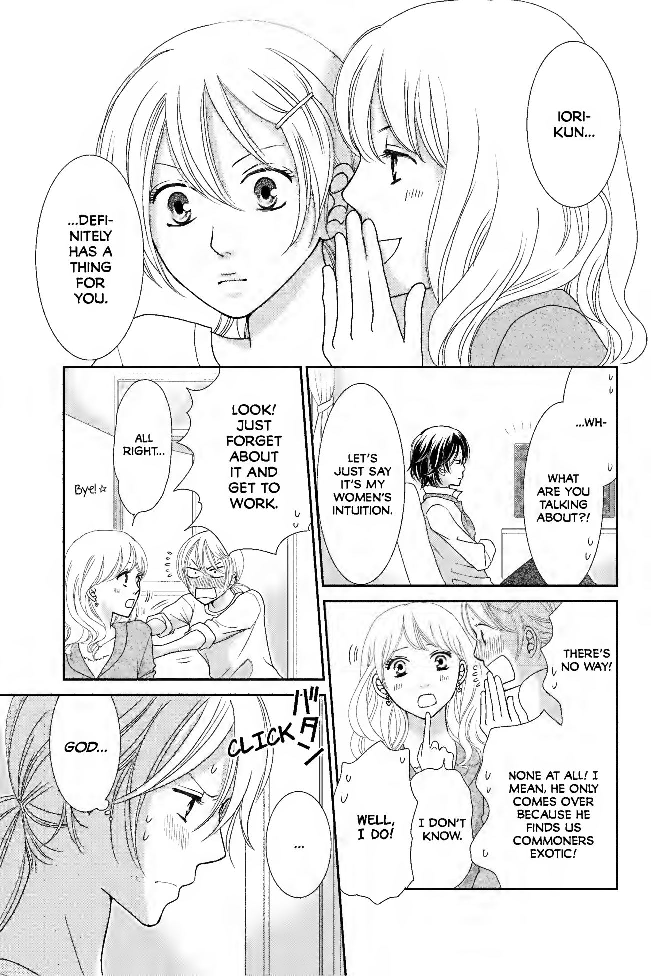

YOU'RE SUCH A STRONG LADY, MIKA-CHAN.
...
THESE ARE SUCH LOVELY FLOWERS. ♡
くす GIGGLE
くす GIGGLE
THERE ARE 17 OF THEM, THE SAME AS YOUR AGE.
OH GOD, YOU LOW-BALLED THAT ONE!
...HUH?
I FEEL...
...SORT OF GLOOMY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE DO HAVE ONE PROBLEM, THOUGH.
WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D BE HERE, SO WE ONLY MADE ENOUGH FOOD FOR TWO.

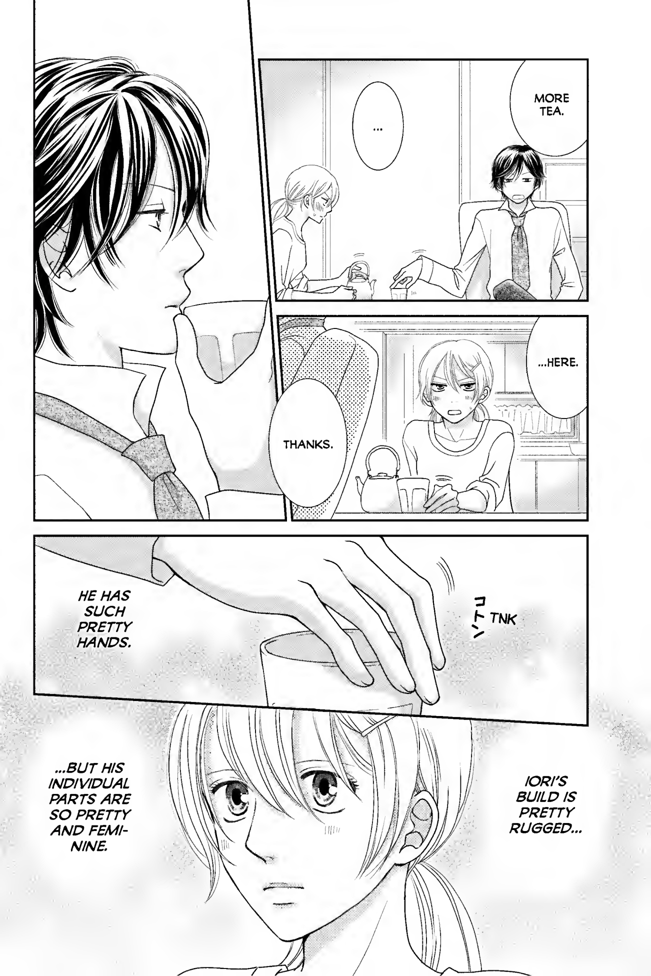

HEY.
KOHANE-CHAN,
COULD YOU MAKE SOME *OMURICE* FOR IORI-KUN REAL QUICK?
OMURICE?
IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITES. ♡
OH, YEAH? IT'S IN MY TOP THREE, TOO.
FOR REAL?!
We really get along well, huh? ♡♡
...
...
ALL RIGHT.
I'LL GET TO WORK ON THAT.
EEE! ♥
YOU'RE SO RELIABLE, KOHANE!
ちんまり…。
TEENY
HERE YOU GO.
BON APPÉTIT.

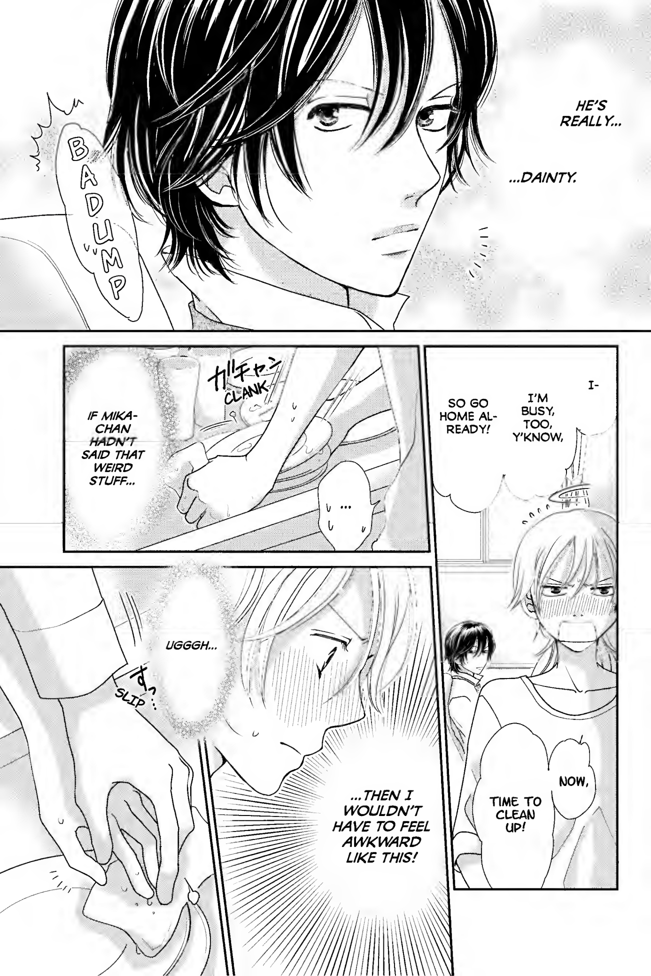

...GOD.
WHAT THE HELL? THIS IS LIKE BIRD FOOD.
THAT RICE AND A SINGLE EGG WAS ALL WE HAD LEFT.
THERE WASN'T MUCH KETCHUP, EITHER, SO I DID WHAT I COULD FOR YOU.
...
I'M YOUR GUEST.
GIVE ME YOURS.
ばっ GRAB
ACK!
WAIT! WHAT DO-
べろ
んっ LICK
GAAAAAH!
I LICKED IT. DO YOU STILL WANT IT?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU ASSHOLE!
It's all yours.
OH, COME ON. QUIT FIGHTING!

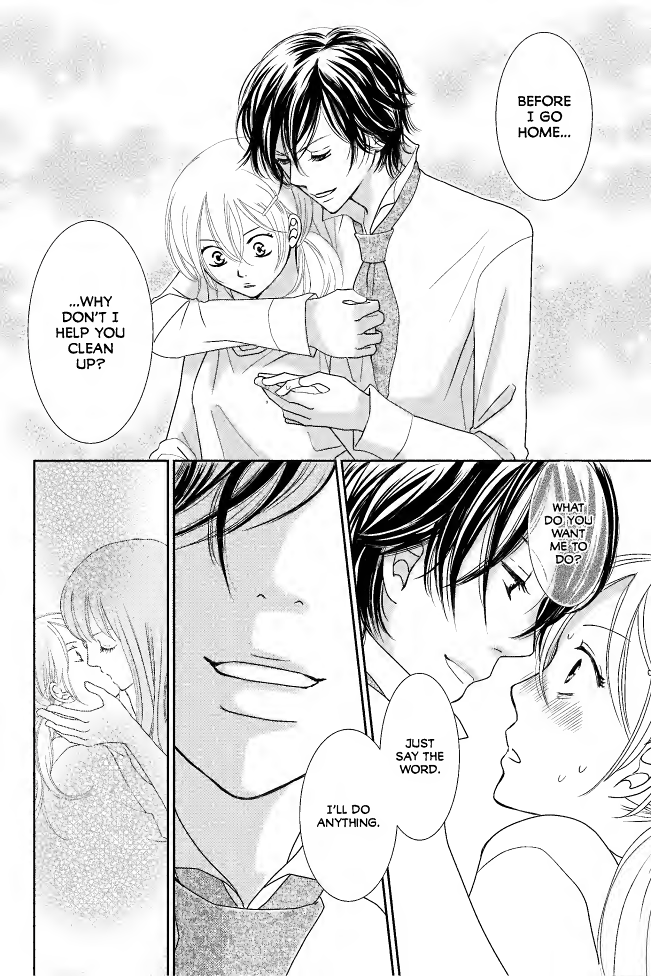

Well, let's share like good children. ♡
'Kay? ♡♡
No, thank you!
GIGGLE
OH YEAH.
I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU, MIKA-CHAN.
WHAT?
REALLY?!
YEP.
ARE YOU SURE?!
Eee! ♡
YEAH, OPEN IT.
SQUEEE ♥♥
THESE ARE THOSE EARRINGS I WANTED!
WEREN'T THEY EXPENSIVE?!
I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE CATALOGS.
I MEAN, YOU NEVER SPEND MONEY ON ACCESSORIES, MIKA-CHAN.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING NICE FOR A CHANGE.
I MADE MORE MONEY AT WORK THAN I EXPECTED, SO I DECIDED TO SPLURGE A LITTLE.
KOHANE...

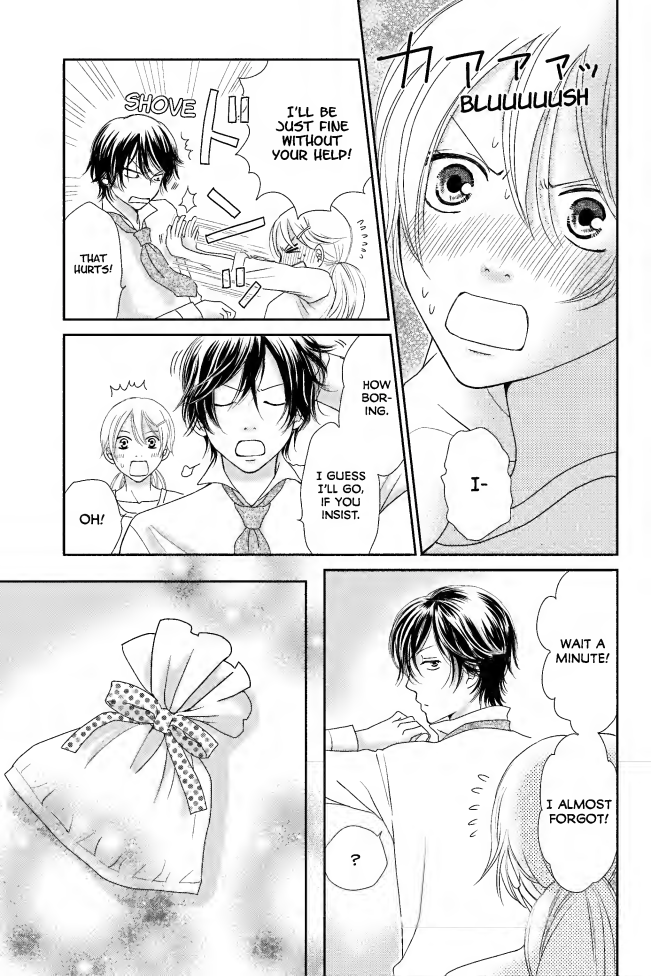

...THANK YOU SO MUCH. ♡
SQUEEEEZE ♥♥
なで PET
なで PET
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM.
OKAY, OKAY, I GET IT.
THIS IS EMBARRASSING, THOUGH.
ALL RIGHT.
I'D BETTER GET GOING.
OH, YOU HAVE WORK, MIKA-CHAN?
THAT'S RIGHT.
FEEL FREE TO TAKE IT EASY, IORI-KUN.
HEY...
...KOHANE.
WHAT?
WHISPER
?
...HUH?

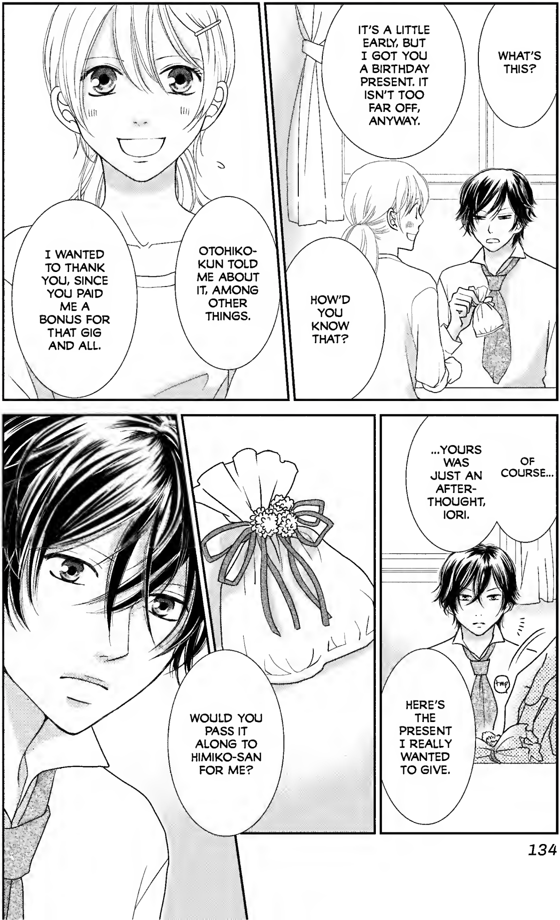

IORI-KUN...
...DEFINITELY HAS A THING FOR YOU.
...WH-
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S MY WOMEN'S INTUITION.
THERE'S NO WAY!
NONE AT ALL! I MEAN, HE ONLY COMES OVER BECAUSE HE FINDS US COMMONERS EXOTIC!
I DON'T KNOW.
WELL, I DO!
LOOK! JUST FORGET ABOUT IT AND GET TO WORK.
ALL RIGHT...
Bye! ☆
バタン
CLICK
GOD...
...

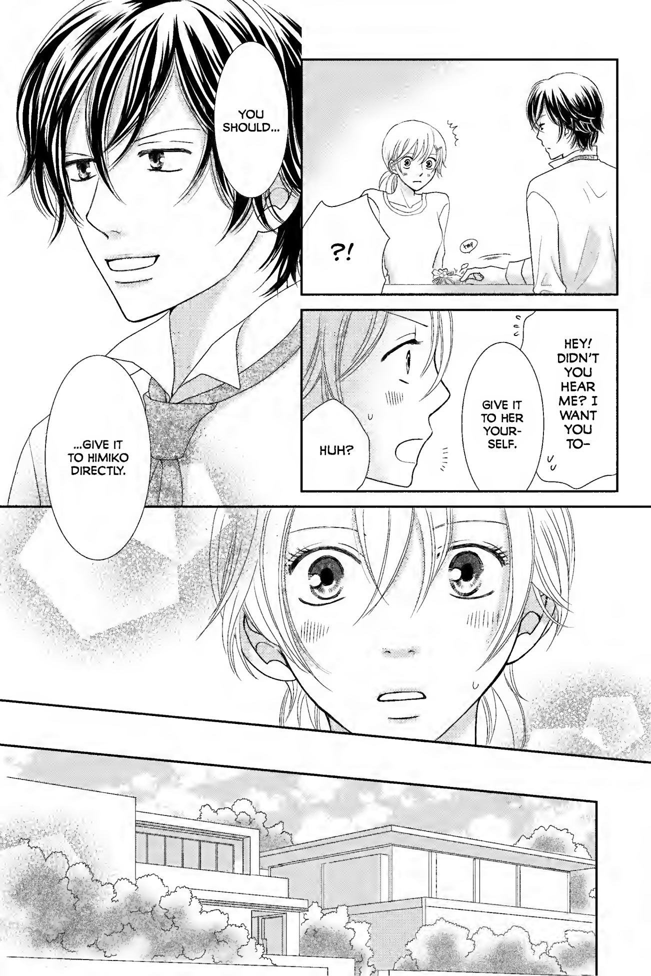

MORE TEA.
...
...HERE.
THANKS.
コトン TNK
HE HAS SUCH PRETTY HANDS.
IORI'S BUILD IS PRETTY RUGGED...
...BUT HIS INDIVIDUAL PARTS ARE SO PRETTY AND FEMININE.


HE'S REALLY...
...DAINTY.
BADUMP
I-
I'M BUSY, TOO, Y'KNOW,
SO GO HOME ALREADY!
NOW,
TIME TO CLEAN UP!
ガチャン
CLANK
IF MIKA-CHAN HADN'T SAID THAT WEIRD STUFF...
...
UGGGH...
す
SLIP
...THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL AWKWARD LIKE THIS!


BEFORE I GO HOME...
...WHY DON'T I HELP YOU CLEAN UP?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
JUST SAY THE WORD.
I'LL DO ANYTHING.


カァァァッ
BLUUUUUSH
I-
ド!!
SHOVE
I'LL BE JUST FINE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
THAT HURTS!
HOW BOR-ING.
I GUESS I'LL GO, IF YOU INSIST.
OH!
WAIT A MINUTE!
I ALMOST FORGOT!
?


WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT I GOT YOU A BIRTHDAY PRESENT. IT ISN'T TOO FAR OFF, ANYWAY.
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT?
OTOHIKO-KUN TOLD ME ABOUT IT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
I WANTED TO THANK YOU, SINCE YOU PAID ME A BONUS FOR THAT GIG AND ALL.
OF COURSE...
...YOURS WAS JUST AN AFTERTHOUGHT, IORI.
tmp
HERE'S THE PRESENT I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE.
WOULD YOU PASS IT ALONG TO HIMIKO-SAN FOR ME?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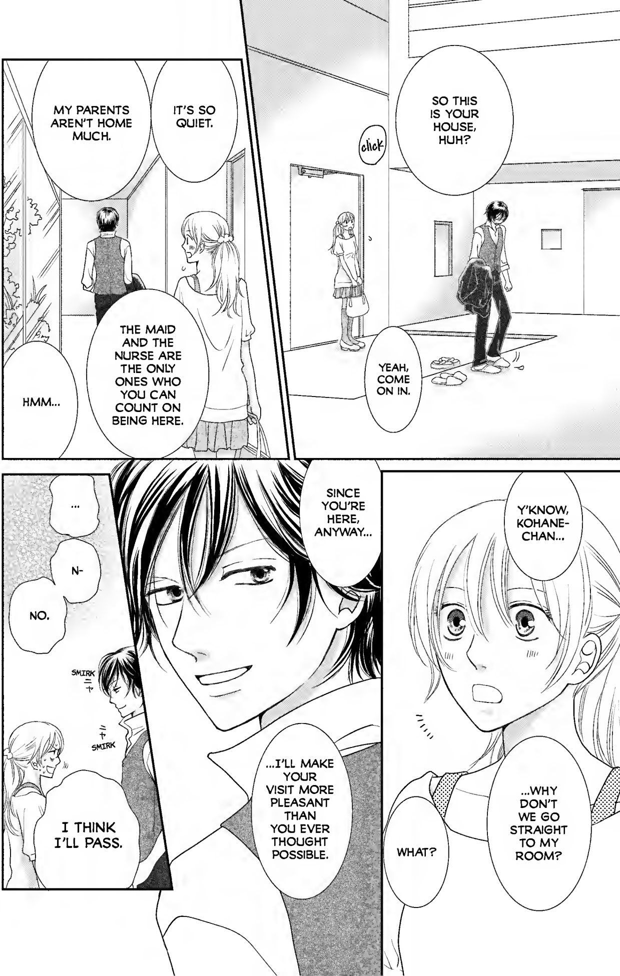
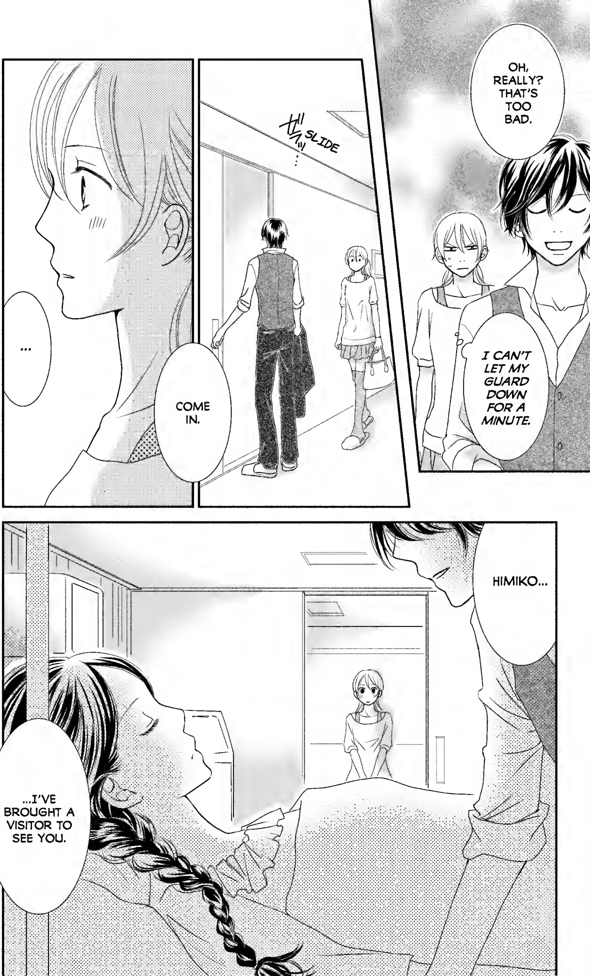
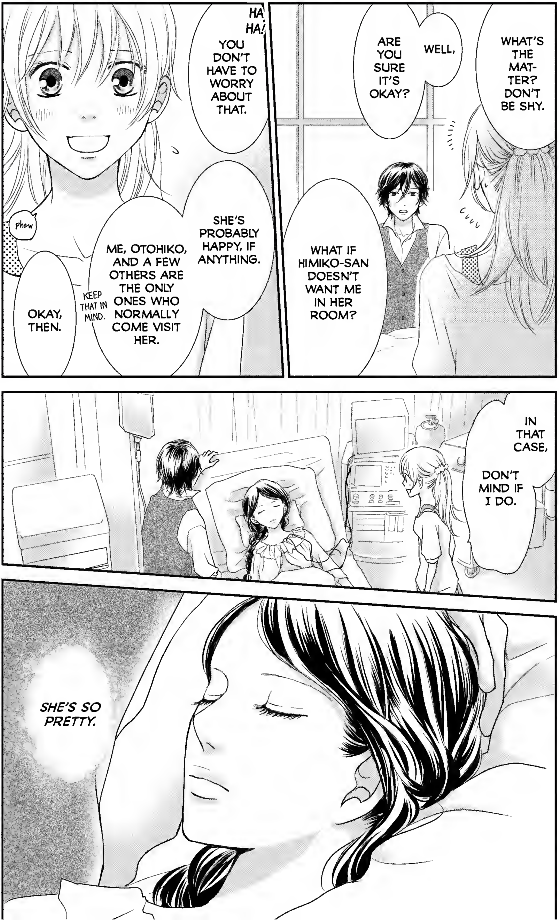
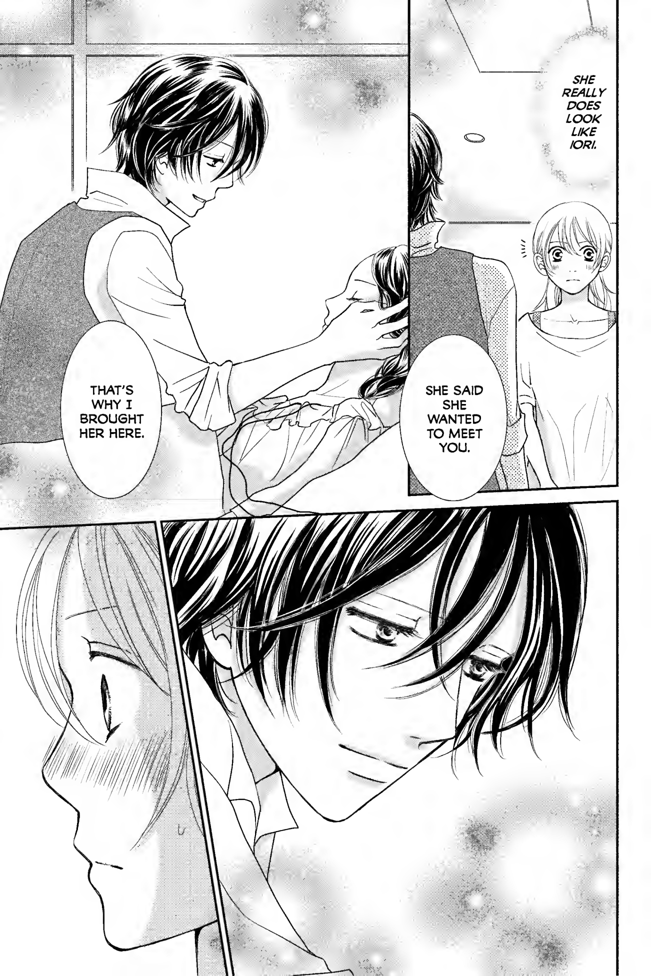
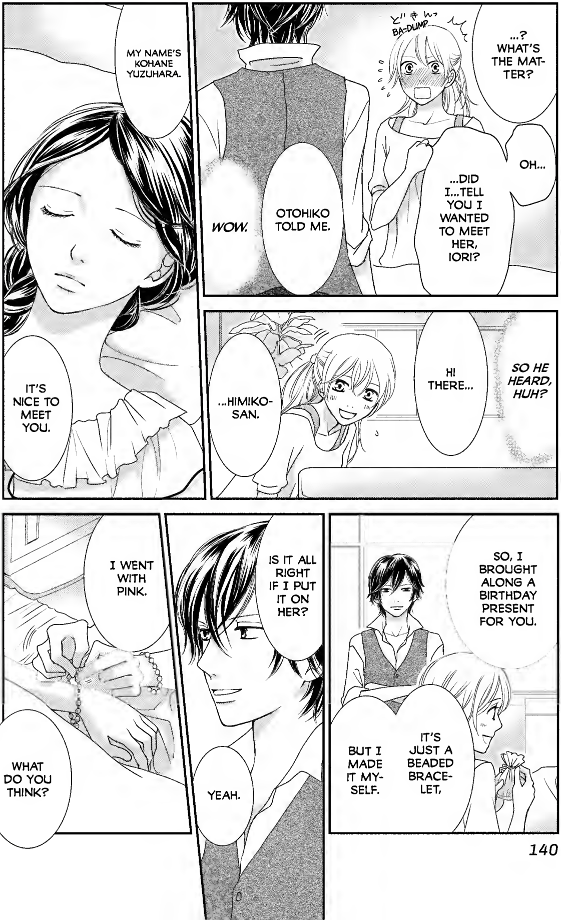
HEY! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? I WANT YOU TO–
GIVE IT TO HER YOURSELF.
HUH?
YOU SHOULD...
...GIVE IT TO HIMIKO DIRECTLY.


SO THIS IS YOUR HOUSE, HUH?
click
YEAH, COME ON IN.
IT'S SO QUIET.
MY PARENTS AREN'T HOME MUCH.
THE MAID AND THE NURSE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO YOU CAN COUNT ON BEING HERE.
HMM...
Y'KNOW, KOHANE-CHAN...
...WHY DON'T WE GO STRAIGHT TO MY ROOM?
WHAT?
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, ANYWAY...
...I'LL MAKE YOUR VISIT MORE PLEASANT THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.
...
N-
NO.
SMIRK ニヤ
ニヤ SMIRK
I THINK I'LL PASS.


OH, REALLY? THAT'S TOO BAD.
I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN FOR A MINUTE.
SLIDE
COME IN.
...
HIMIKO...
...I'VE BROUGHT A VISITOR TO SEE YOU.


WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T BE SHY.
WELL,
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
WHAT IF HIMIKO-SAN DOESN'T WANT ME IN HER ROOM?
HA HA! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
SHE'S PROBABLY HAPPY, IF ANYTHING.
ME, OTOHIKO, AND A FEW OTHERS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO NORMALLY COME VISIT HER.
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
phew
OKAY, THEN.
IN THAT CASE,
DON'T MIND IF I DO.
SHE'S SO PRETTY.


SHE REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE IORI.
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO MEET YOU.
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HER HERE.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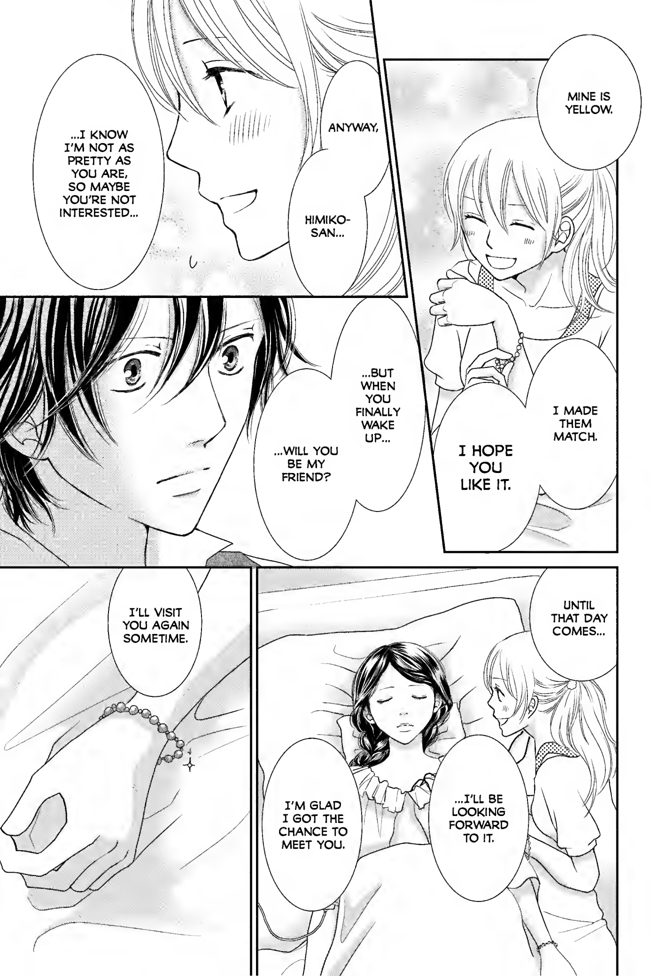
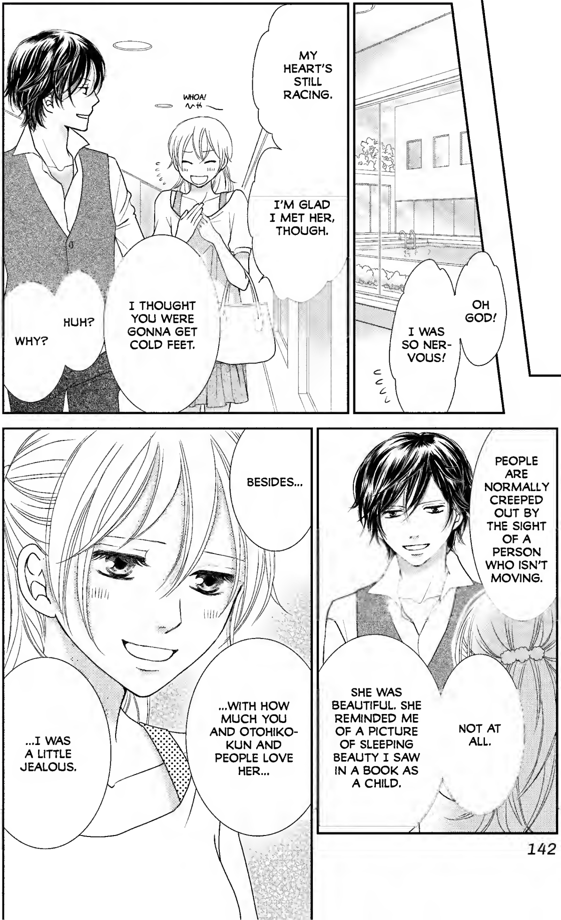
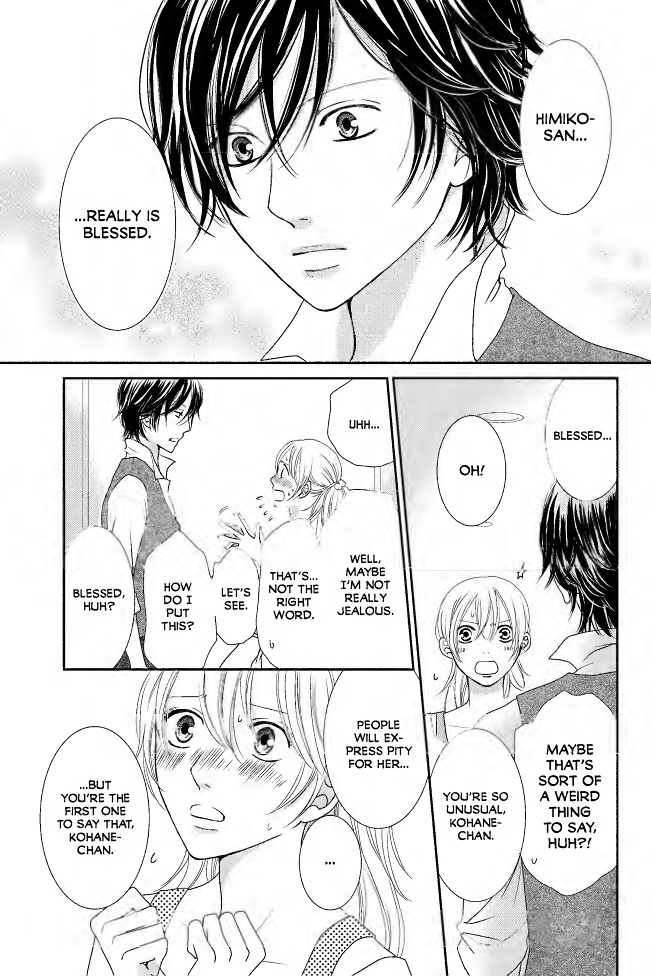
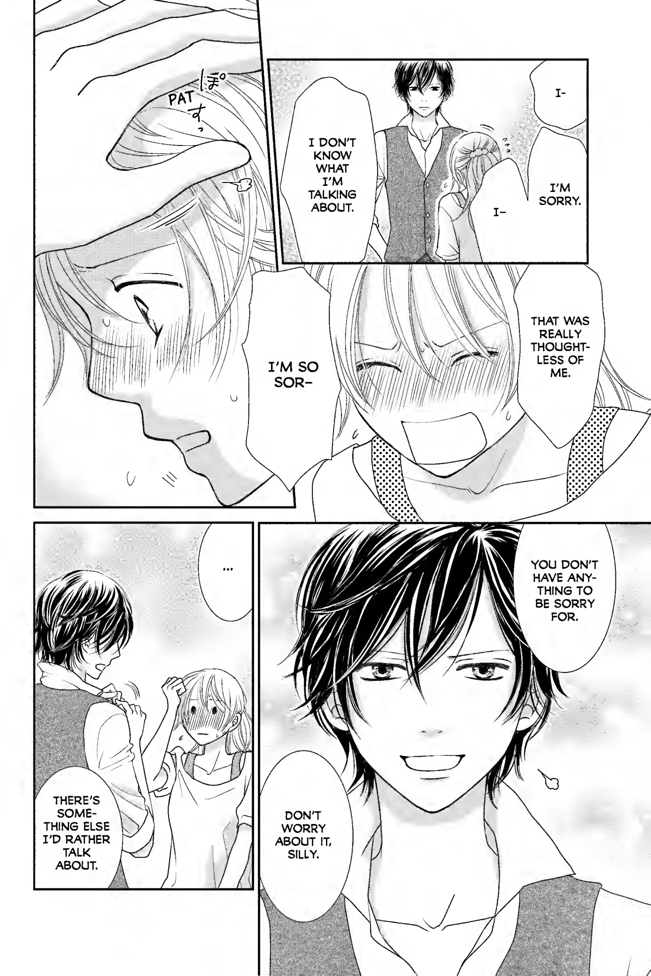
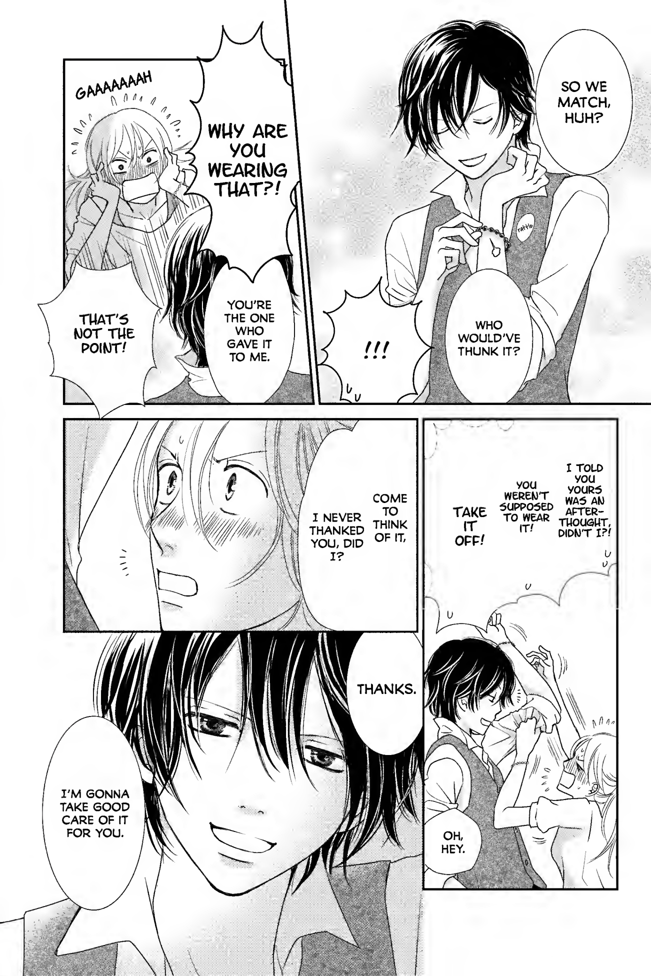
BA-DUMP
...? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH...
...DID I...TELL YOU I WANTED TO MEET HER, IORI?
OTOHIKO TOLD ME.
WOW.
SO HE HEARD, HUH?
HI THERE...
...HIMIKO-SAN.
MY NAME'S KOHANE YUZUHARA.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
SO, I BROUGHT ALONG A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR YOU.
IT'S JUST A BEADED BRACELET,
BUT I MADE IT MYSELF.
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I PUT IT ON HER?
YEAH.
I WENT WITH PINK.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

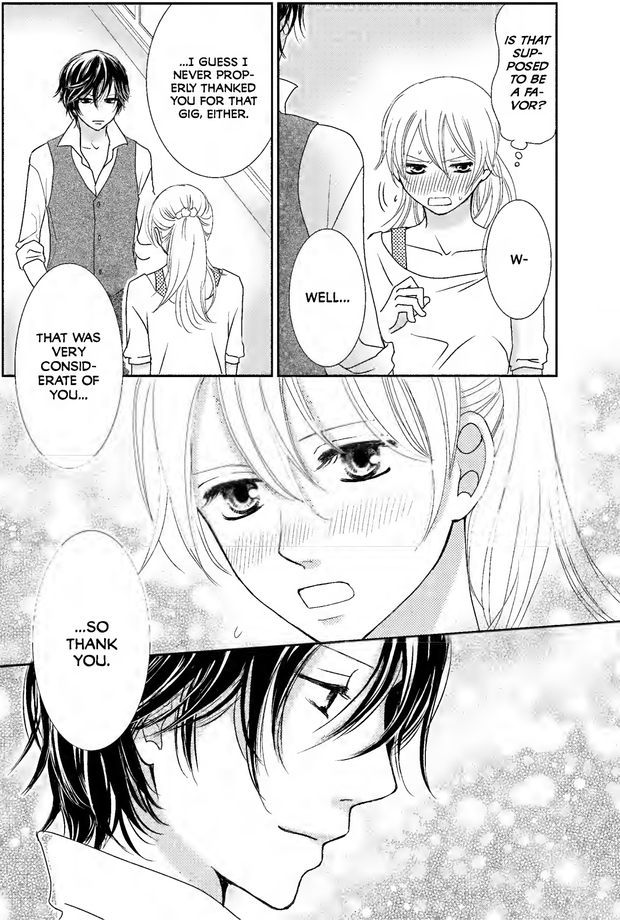

MINE IS YELLOW.
I MADE THEM MATCH.
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
ANYWAY,
HIMIKO-SAN...
...I KNOW I'M NOT AS PRETTY AS YOU ARE, SO MAYBE YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED...
...BUT WHEN YOU FINALLY WAKE UP...
...WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
UNTIL THAT DAY COMES...
...I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
I'M GLAD I GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU.
I'LL VISIT YOU AGAIN SOMETIME.

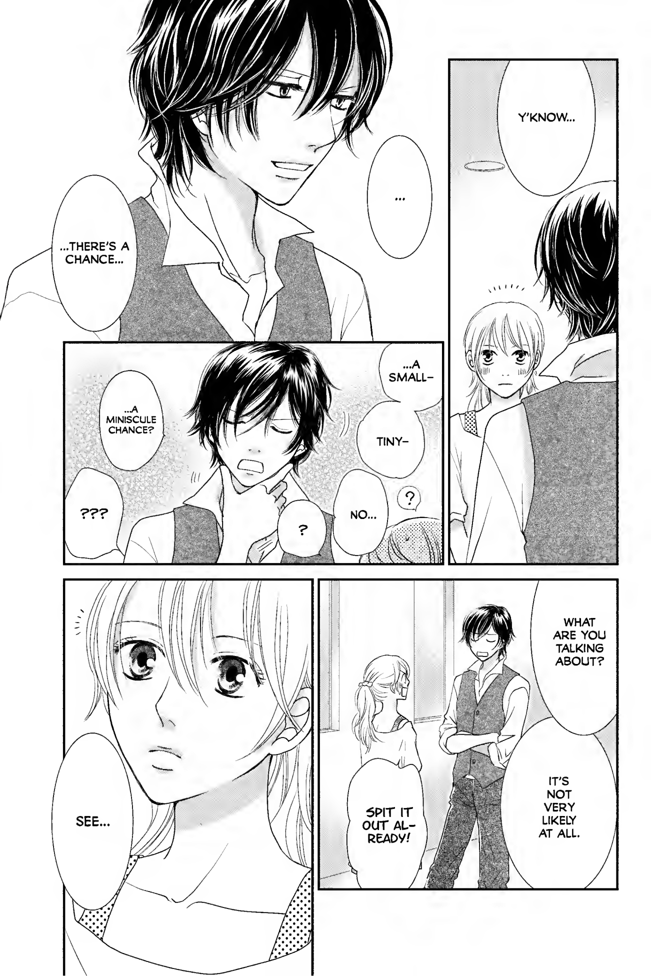

OH GOD!
I WAS SO NERVOUS!
MY HEART'S STILL RACING.
I'M GLAD I MET HER, THOUGH.
WHOA!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA GET COLD FEET.
HUH?
WHY?
PEOPLE ARE NORMALLY CREEPED OUT BY THE SIGHT OF A PERSON WHO ISN'T MOVING.
NOT AT ALL.
SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL. SHE REMINDED ME OF A PICTURE OF SLEEPING BEAUTY I SAW IN A BOOK AS A CHILD.
BESIDES...
...WITH HOW MUCH YOU AND OTOHIKO-KUN AND PEOPLE LOVE HER...
...I WAS A LITTLE JEALOUS.

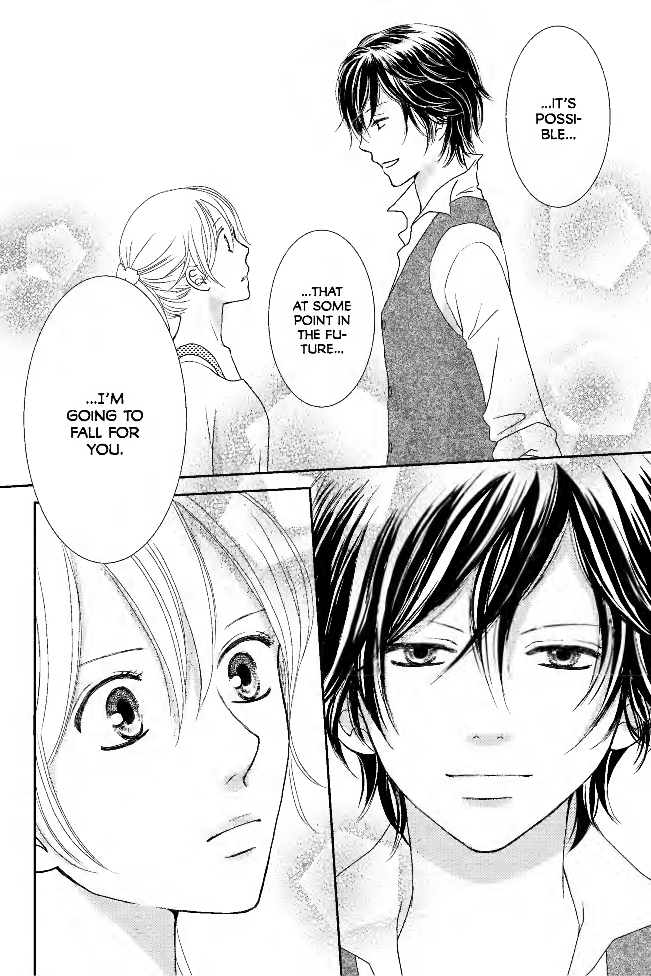

HIMIKO-SAN...
...REALLY IS BLESSED.
BLESSED...
OH!
MAYBE THAT'S SORT OF A WEIRD THING TO SAY, HUH?!
UHH...
WELL, MAYBE I'M NOT REALLY JEALOUS.
THAT'S... NOT THE RIGHT WORD.
LET'S SEE.
HOW DO I PUT THIS?
BLESSED, HUH?
YOU'RE SO UNUSUAL, KOHANE-CHAN.
PEOPLE WILL EXPRESS PITY FOR HER...
...
...BUT YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THAT, KOHANE-CHAN.

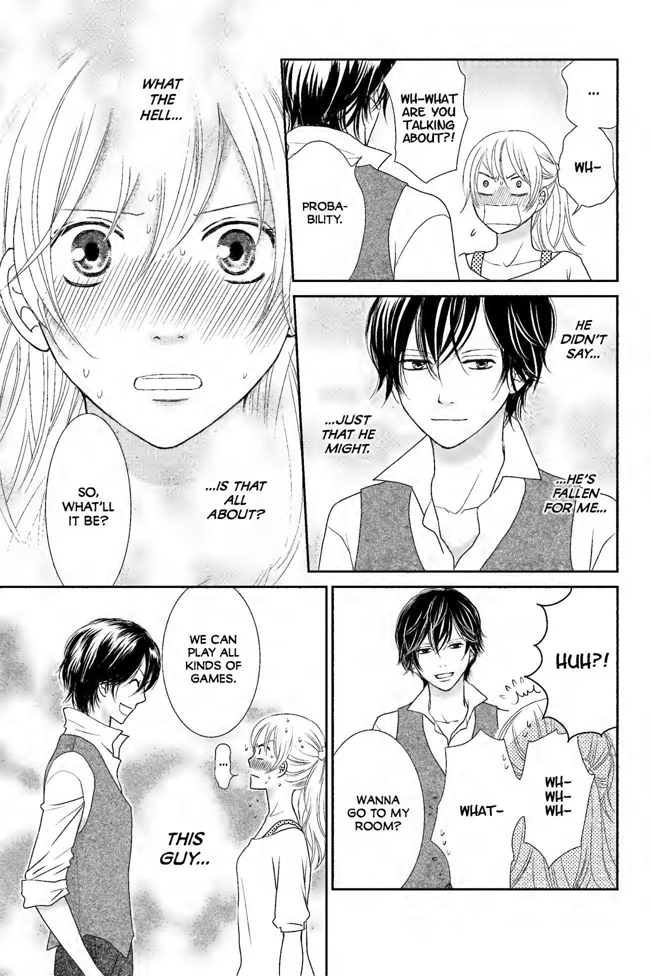

I-
I'M SORRY.
I–
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
ぽすっ
PAT
THAT WAS REALLY THOUGHTLESS OF ME.
I'M SO SOR–
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO BE SORRY FOR.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SILLY.
...
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'D RATHER TALK ABOUT.

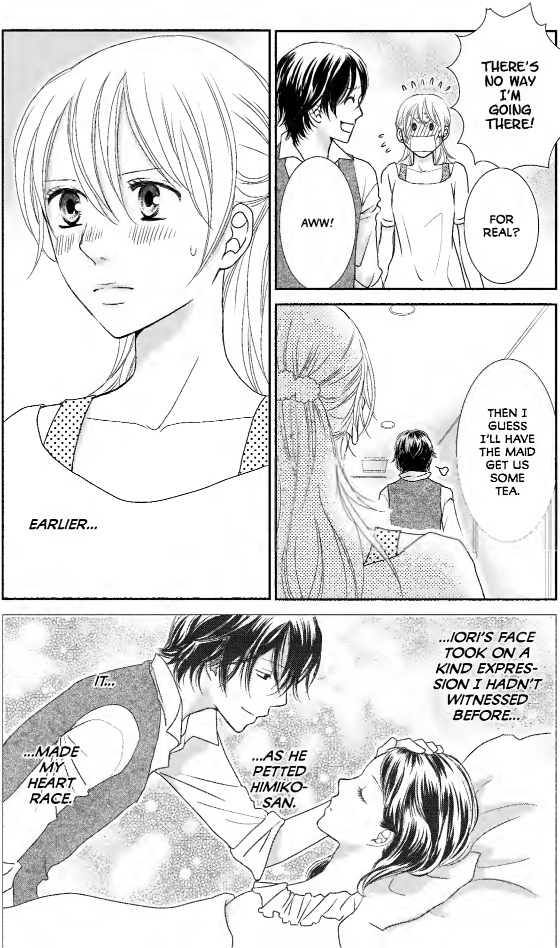

SO WE MATCH, HUH?
rattle
WHO WOULD'VE THUNK IT?
!!!
GAAAAAAAH
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GAVE IT TO ME.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
I TOLD YOU YOURS WAS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, DIDN'T I?!
YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO WEAR IT!
TAKE IT OFF!
OH, HEY.
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I NEVER THANKED YOU, DID I?
THANKS.
I'M GONNA TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT FOR YOU.

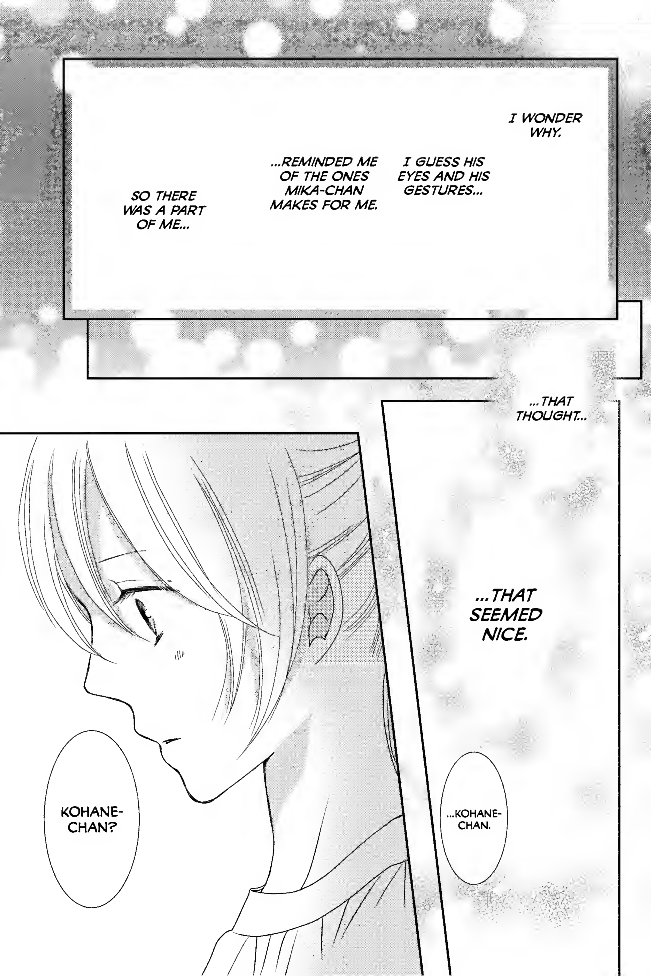

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A FAVOR?
W-
WELL...
...I GUESS I NEVER PROPERLY THANKED YOU FOR THAT GIG, EITHER.
THAT WAS VERY CONSIDERATE OF YOU...
...SO THANK YOU.

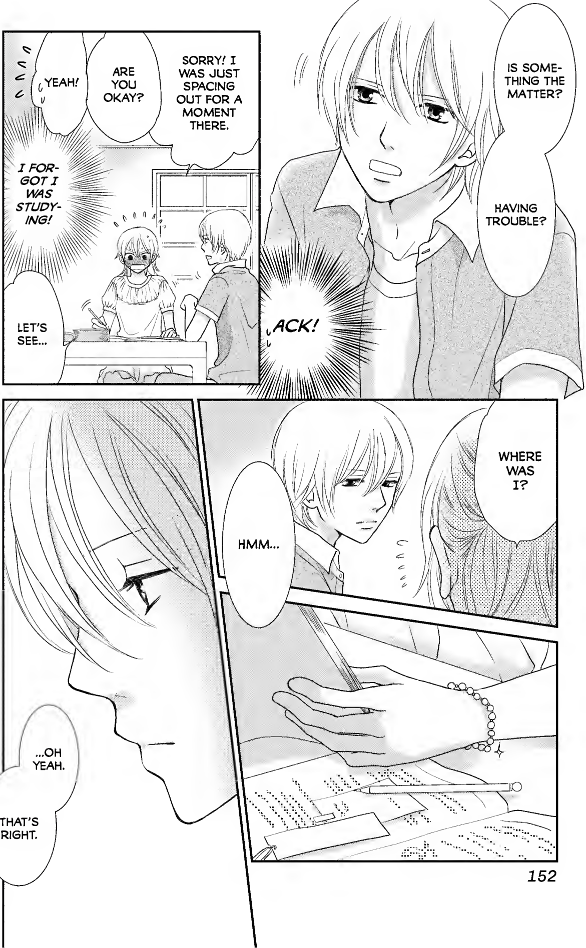

Y'KNOW...
...
...THERE'S A CHANCE...
...A SMALL-
TINY-
NO...
?
?
...A MINISCULE CHANCE?
???
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S NOT VERY LIKELY AT ALL.
SPIT IT OUT ALREADY!
SEE...

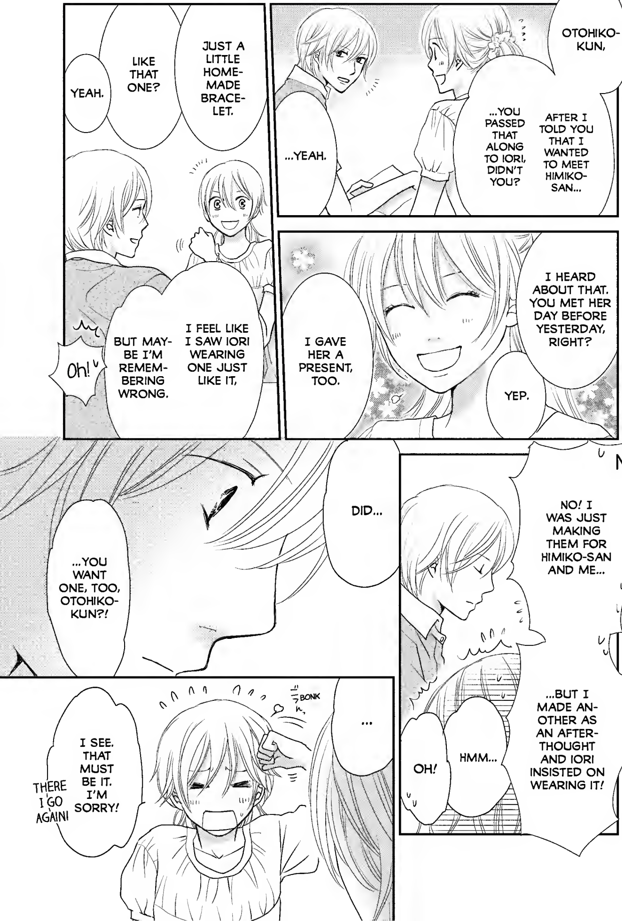

...IT'S POSSIBLE...
...THAT AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE...
...I'M GOING TO FALL FOR YOU.

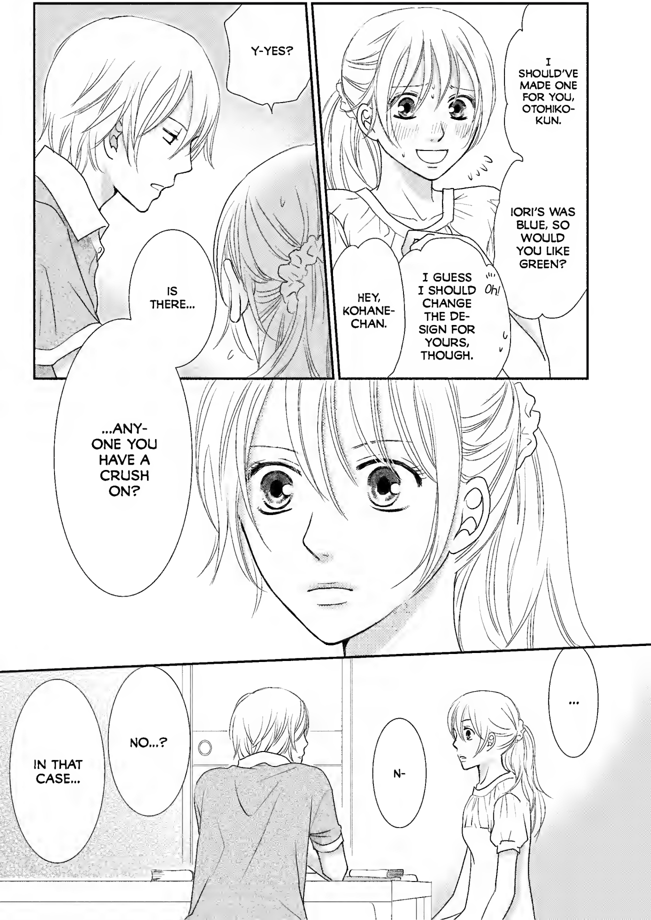

...
WH-
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
PROBA-BILITY.
HE DIDN'T SAY...
...HE'S FALLEN FOR ME...
...JUST THAT HE MIGHT.
WHAT THE HELL...
...IS THAT ALL ABOUT?
SO, WHAT'LL IT BE?
HUH?!
WH-WH-WH-
WHAT-
WANNA GO TO MY ROOM?
WE CAN PLAY ALL KINDS OF GAMES.
...
THIS GUY...

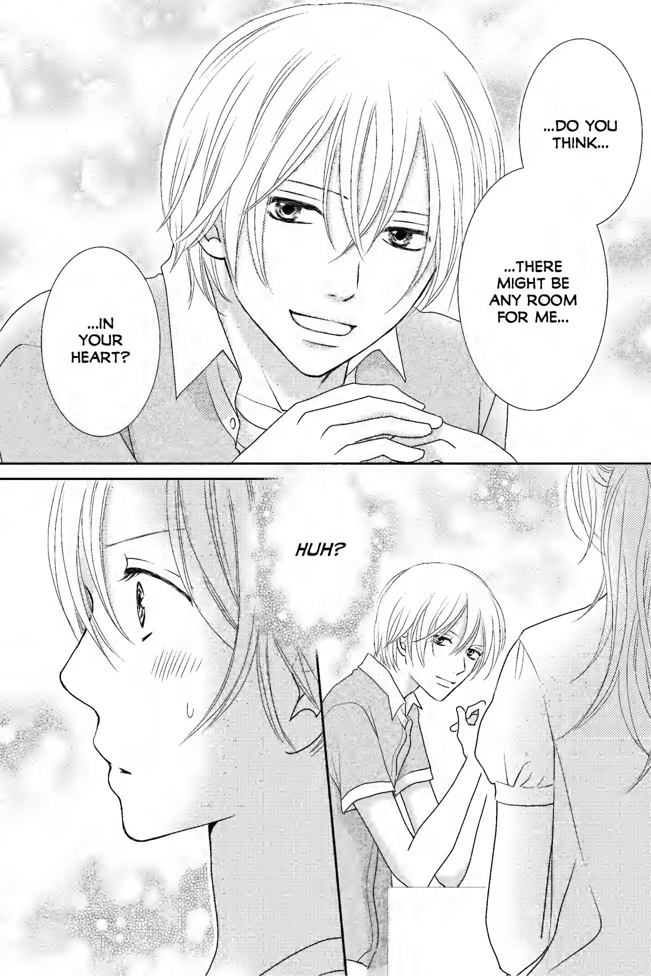

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING THERE!
FOR REAL?
AWW!
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE THE MAID GET US SOME TEA.
EARLIER...
...IORI'S FACE TOOK ON A KIND EXPRESSION I HADN'T WITNESSED BEFORE...
...AS HE PETTED HIMIKO-SAN.
IT...
...MADE MY HEART RACE.

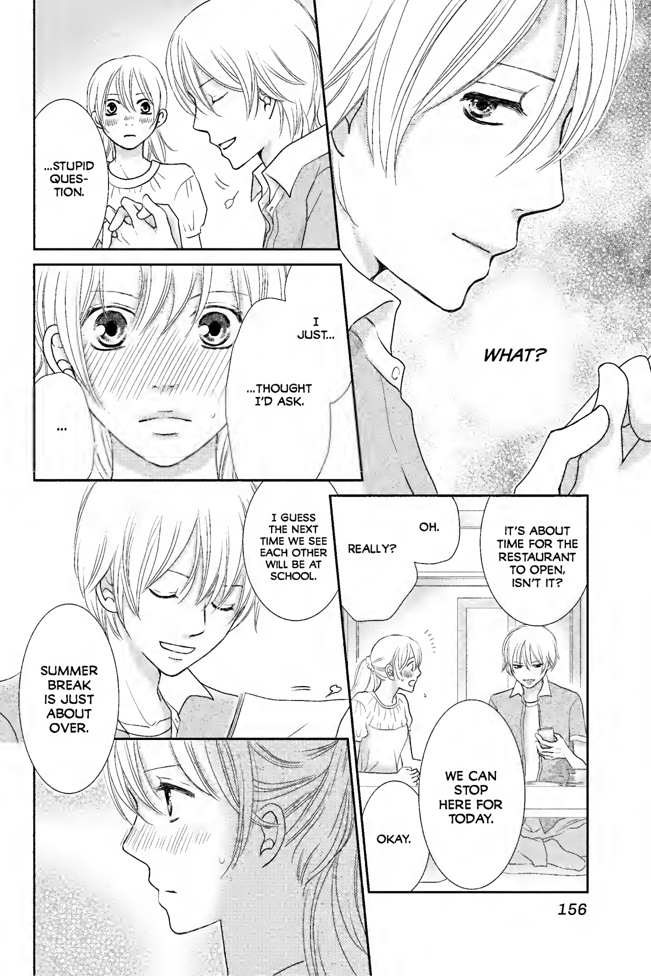

I WONDER WHY.
I GUESS HIS EYES AND HIS GESTURES...
...REMINDED ME OF THE ONES MIKA-CHAN MAKES FOR ME.
SO THERE WAS A PART OF ME...
...THAT THOUGHT...
...THAT SEEMED NICE.
...KOHANE-CHAN.
KOHANE-CHAN?

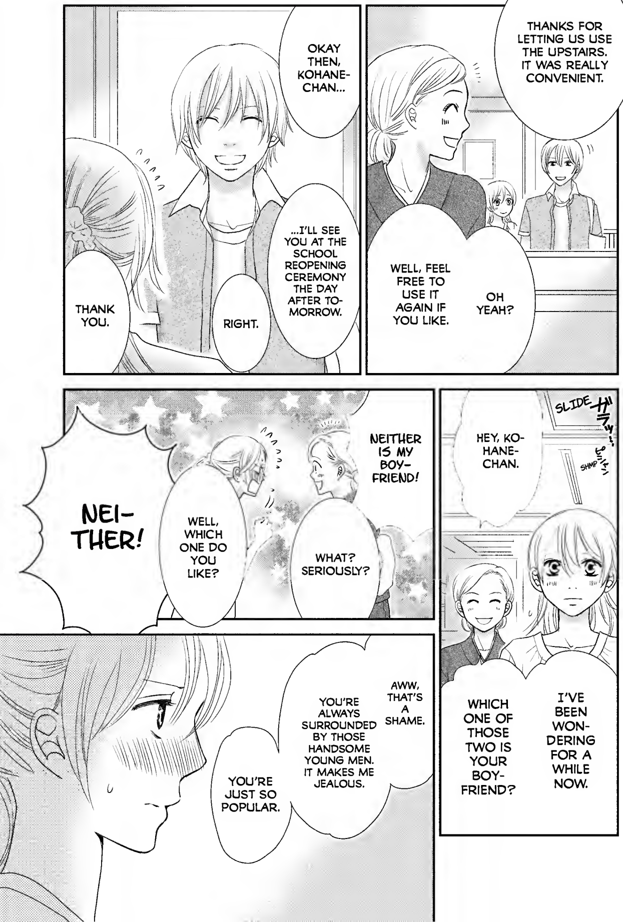

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
HAVING TROUBLE?
ACK!
SORRY! I WAS JUST SPACING OUT FOR A MOMENT THERE.
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH!
I FORGOT I WAS STUDYING!
LET'S SEE...
WHERE WAS I?
HMM...
...OH YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.

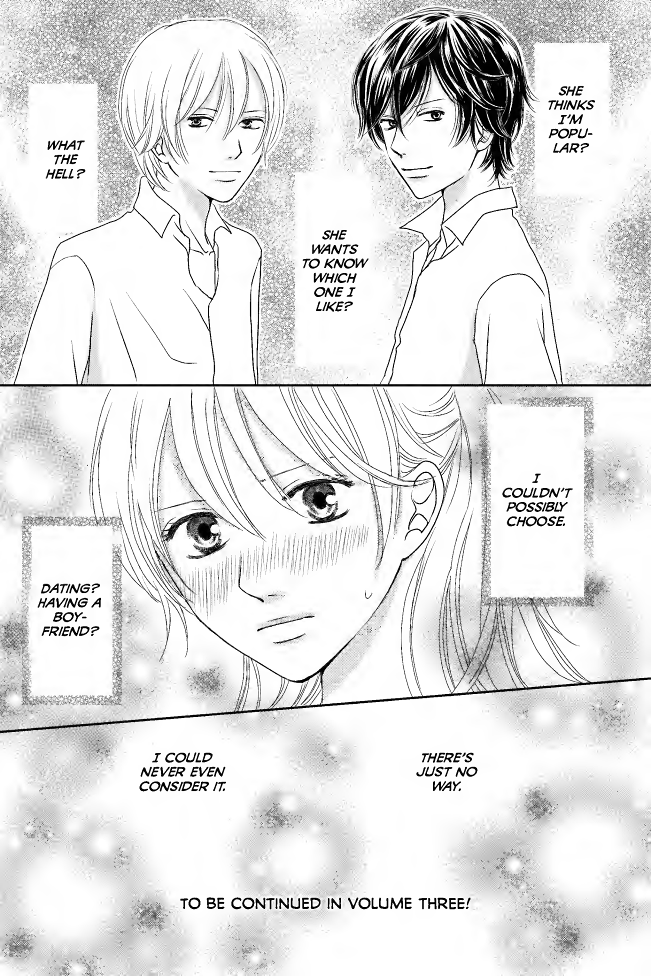

OTOHIKO-KUN,
AFTER I TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED TO MEET HIMIKO-SAN...
...YOU PASSED THAT ALONG TO IORI, DIDN'T YOU?
...YEAH.
I HEARD ABOUT THAT. YOU MET HER DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
YEP.
I GAVE HER A PRESENT, TOO.
JUST A LITTLE HOMEMADE BRACELET.
LIKE THAT ONE?
YEAH.
I FEEL LIKE I SAW IORI WEARING ONE JUST LIKE IT,
BUT MAYBE I'M REMEMBERING WRONG.
Oh!
N-
NO! I WAS JUST MAKING THEM FOR HIMIKO-SAN AND ME...
...BUT I MADE ANOTHER AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT AND IORI INSISTED ON WEARING IT!
HMM...
OH!
DID...
...YOU WANT ONE, TOO, OTOHIKO-KUN?!
...
BONK
I SEE. THAT MUST BE IT. I'M SORRY!
THERE I GO AGAIN!


I SHOULD'VE MADE ONE FOR YOU, OTOHIKO-KUN.
IORI'S WAS BLUE, SO WOULD YOU LIKE GREEN?
Oh!
I GUESS I SHOULD CHANGE THE DESIGN FOR YOURS, THOUGH.
HEY, KOHANE-CHAN.
Y-YES?
IS THERE...
...ANYONE YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON?
...
N-
NO...?
IN THAT CASE...

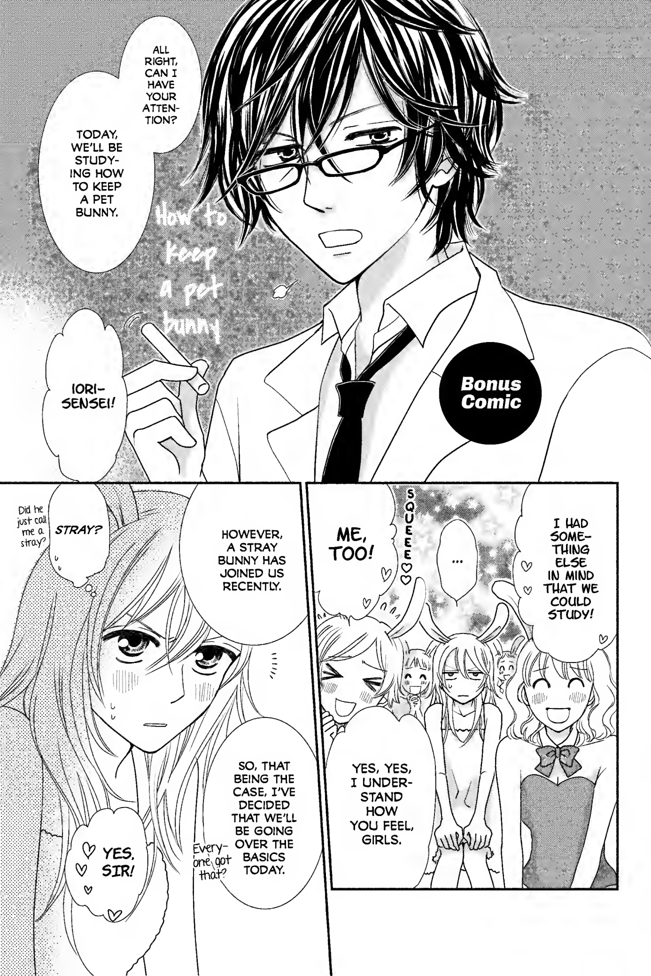

...DO YOU THINK...
...THERE MIGHT BE ANY ROOM FOR ME...
...IN YOUR HEART?
HUH?

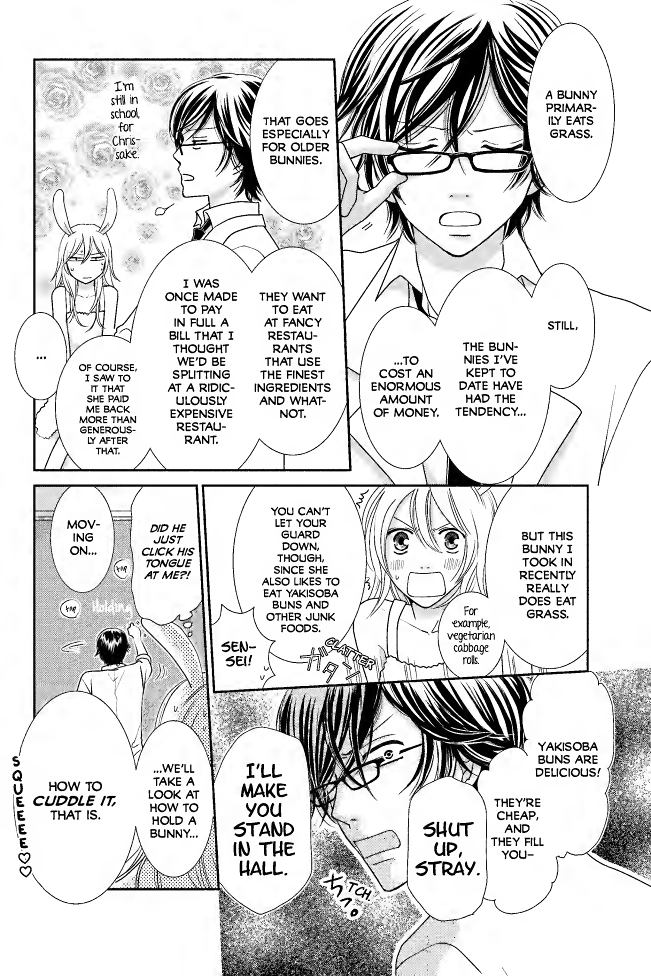

WHAT?
...STUPID QUESTION.
I JUST...
...THOUGHT I'D ASK.
...
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE RESTAURANT TO OPEN, ISN'T IT?
OH.
REALLY?
WE CAN STOP HERE FOR TODAY.
OKAY.
I GUESS THE NEXT TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER WILL BE AT SCHOOL.
SUMMER BREAK IS JUST ABOUT OVER.

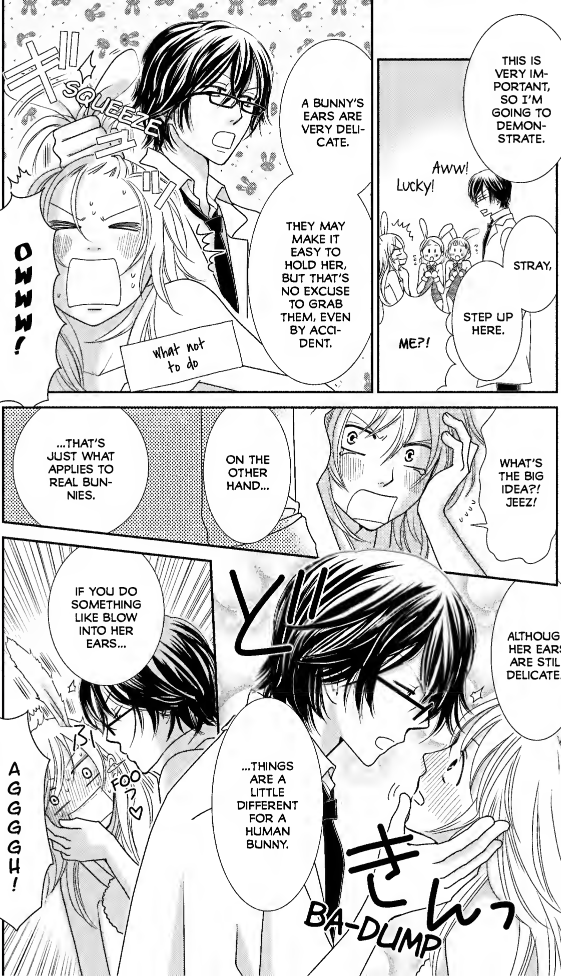

THANKS FOR LETTING US USE THE UPSTAIRS. IT WAS REALLY CONVENIENT.
OH YEAH?
WELL, FEEL FREE TO USE IT AGAIN IF YOU LIKE.
OKAY THEN, KOHANE-CHAN...
...I'LL SEE YOU AT THE SCHOOL REOPENING CEREMONY THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
RIGHT.
THANK YOU.
SLIDE
SHMP
HEY, KOHANE-CHAN.
I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW.
WHICH ONE OF THOSE TWO IS YOUR BOYFRIEND?
NEITHER IS MY BOYFRIEND!
WHAT? SERIOUSLY?
WELL, WHICH ONE DO YOU LIKE?
NEITHER!
AWW, THAT'S A SHAME.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY THOSE HANDSOME YOUNG MEN. IT MAKES ME JEALOUS.
YOU'RE JUST SO POPULAR.

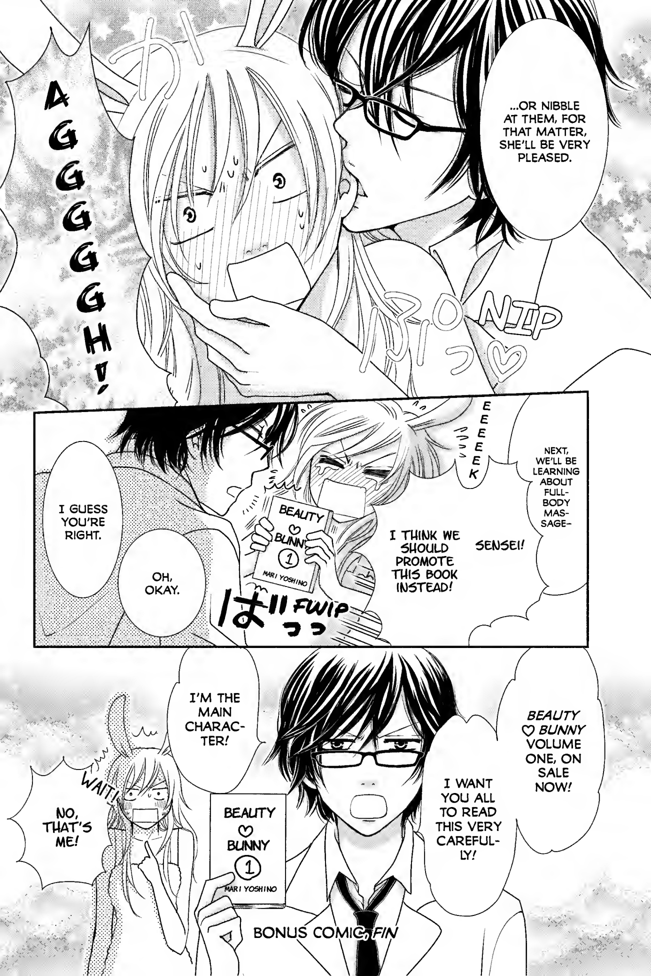

SHE THINKS I'M POPULAR?
SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHICH ONE I LIKE?
WHAT THE HELL?
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY CHOOSE.
DATING? HAVING A BOYFRIEND?
THERE'S JUST NO WAY.
I COULD NEVER EVEN CONSIDER IT.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME THREE!

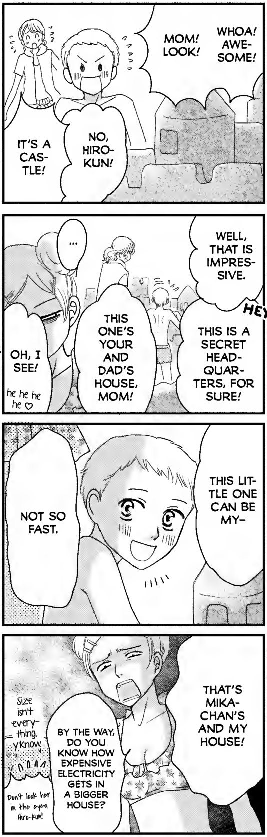

ALL RIGHT, CAN I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?
TODAY, WE'LL BE STUDYING HOW TO KEEP A PET BUNNY.
How to keep a pet bunny
Bonus Comic
IORI-SENSEI!
I HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND THAT WE COULD STUDY!
...
SQUEEE
ME, TOO!
YES, YES, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, GIRLS.
HOWEVER, A STRAY BUNNY HAS JOINED US RECENTLY.
STRAY?
Did he just call me a stray?
SO, THAT BEING THE CASE, I'VE DECIDED THAT WE'LL BE GOING OVER THE BASICS TODAY.
Everyone got that?
YES, SIR!


A BUNNY PRIMARILY EATS GRASS.
STILL,
THE BUNNIES I'VE KEPT TO DATE HAVE HAD THE TENDENCY...
...TO COST AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY.
THAT GOES ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER BUNNIES.
THEY WANT TO EAT AT FANCY RESTAURANTS THAT USE THE FINEST INGREDIENTS AND WHATNOT.
I WAS ONCE MADE TO PAY IN FULL A BILL THAT I THOUGHT WE'D BE SPLITTING AT A RIDICULOUSLY EXPENSIVE RESTAURANT.
OF COURSE, I SAW TO IT THAT SHE PAID ME BACK MORE THAN GENEROUSLY AFTER THAT.
I'm still in school, for Chrissake.
...
BUT THIS BUNNY I TOOK IN RECENTLY REALLY DOES EAT GRASS.
For example, vegetarian cabbage rolls.
YOU CAN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, THOUGH, SINCE SHE ALSO LIKES TO EAT YAKISOBA BUNS AND OTHER JUNK FOODS.
CLATTER
SENSEI!
YAKISOBA BUNS ARE DELICIOUS!
THEY'RE CHEAP, AND THEY FILL YOU–
SHUT UP, STRAY.
I'LL MAKE YOU STAND IN THE HALL.
TCH.
MOVING ON...
DID HE JUST CLICK HIS TONGUE AT ME?!
tap
tap
Holding
...WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT HOW TO HOLD A BUNNY...
HOW TO *CUDDLE IT,* THAT IS.
SQUEEEE♡

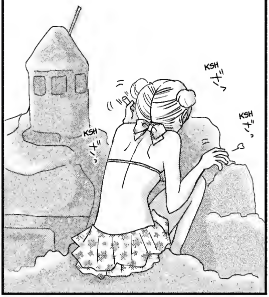

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, SO I'M GOING TO DEMONSTRATE.
Aww!
Lucky!
STRAY,
STEP UP HERE.
ME?!
A BUNNY'S EARS ARE VERY DELICATE.
SQUEEZE
THEY MAY MAKE IT EASY TO HOLD HER, BUT THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO GRAB THEM, EVEN BY ACCIDENT.
OWWW!
What not to do
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! JEEZ!
ON THE OTHER HAND...
...THAT'S JUST WHAT APPLIES TO REAL BUNNIES.
ALTHOUGH HER EARS ARE STILL DELICATE...
...THINGS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FOR A HUMAN BUNNY.
BA-DUMP
IF YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE BLOW INTO HER EARS...
FOO
AGGGGH!


...OR NIBBLE AT THEM, FOR THAT MATTER, SHE'LL BE VERY PLEASED.
わ!
ぷりっ♡ NIP
AGGGGGGH!
EEEEEEK
NEXT, WE'LL BE LEARNING ABOUT FULL-BODY MASSAGE–
SENSEI!
I THINK WE SHOULD PROMOTE THIS BOOK INSTEAD!
BEAUTY ♡ BUNNY 1 MARI YOSHINO
ばっっ FWIP
OH, OKAY.
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
BEAUTY ♡ BUNNY VOLUME ONE, ON SALE NOW!
I WANT YOU ALL TO READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY!
I'M THE MAIN CHARACTER!
BEAUTY ♡ BUNNY 1 MARI YOSHINO
WAIT!
NO, THAT'S ME!
BONUS COMIC, *FIN*

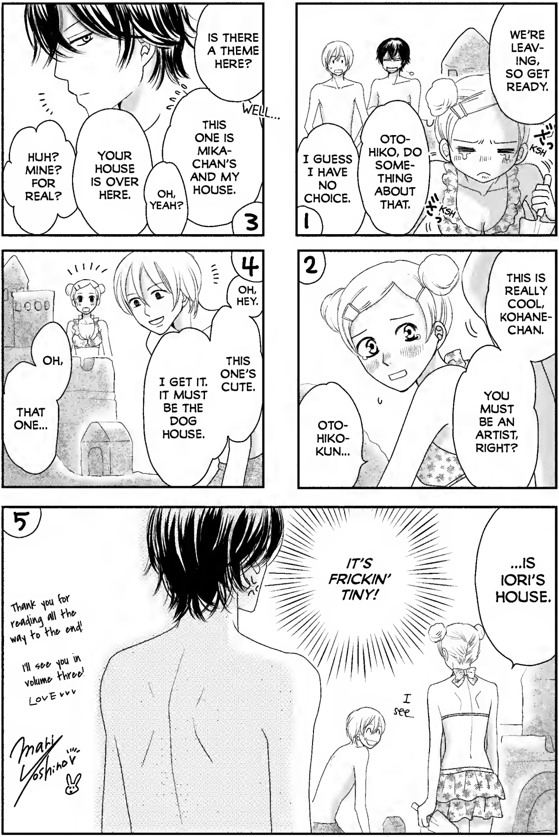
SHE'S FRUGAL IN MAKE BELIEVE, TOO


WHOA! AWESOME!
MOM! LOOK!
NO, HIRO-KUN!
IT'S A CASTLE!
WELL, THAT IS IMPRESSIVE.
…
HEY!
THIS IS A SECRET HEADQUARTERS, FOR SURE!
THIS ONE'S YOUR AND DAD'S HOUSE, MOM!
OH, I SEE!
he he he he ♡
Run away, Hiro-kun!
THIS LITTLE ONE CAN BE MY–
NOT SO FAST.
THAT'S MIKA-CHAN'S AND MY HOUSE!
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW HOW EXPENSIVE ELECTRICITY GETS IN A BIGGER HOUSE?
Size isn't everything, y'know.
Don't look her in the eyes, Hiro-kun!

EXTRAS



UPSET OR NOT, SHE WON'T LEAVE HIM OUT


1
WE'RE LEAVING, SO GET READY.
KSH
KSH
OTOHIKO, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE.
2
THIS IS REALLY COOL, KOHANE-CHAN.
YOU MUST BE AN ARTIST, RIGHT?
OTOHIKO-KUN...
3
IS THERE A THEME HERE?
WELL...
THIS ONE IS MIKA-CHAN'S AND MY HOUSE.
OH, YEAH?
YOUR HOUSE IS OVER HERE.
HUH? MINE? FOR REAL?
4
OH, HEY.
THIS ONE'S CUTE.
I GET IT. IT MUST BE THE DOG HOUSE.
OH, THAT ONE...
5
...IS IORI'S HOUSE.
IT'S FRICKIN' TINY!
I see..
Thank you for reading all the way to the end!
I'll see you in volume three!
LOVE♥♥♥
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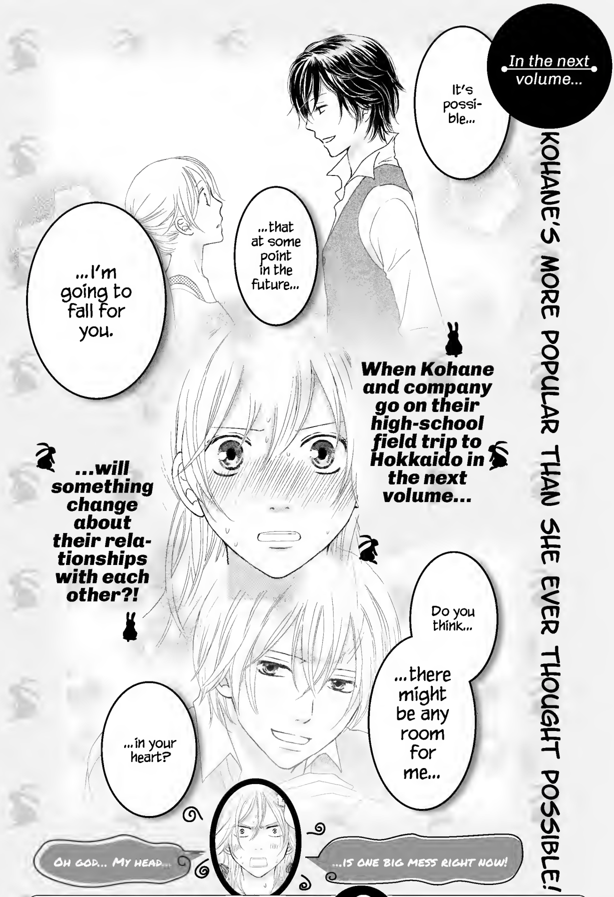
In the next volume...

KOHANE'S MORE POPULAR THAN SHE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!


It's possible...
...that at some point in the future...
...I'm going to fall for you.
Do you think...
...there might be any room for me...
...in your heart?
Oh god... My head...
...is one big mess right now!

When Kohane and company go on their high-school field trip to Hokkaido in the next volume...

...will something change about their relationships with each other?!

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